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FOREIGNER'S GRIM STORY OF SLAUGHTER

Hundred Killed, Scores Wounded On Honam Is.

INDESCRIBABLE HORROR IN CROWDED DISTRICT

DOCTOR'S NARROW ESCAPE

Canton, To-day.
Dr. R. L. Lancaster, a British medico on Shameen, had a narrow escape from death while motoring with a friend towards Honam this morning during the Japanese air raid.
A bomb fell fifty yards in front of their car, but neither was injured, though they were compelled to return.—Renter.

WUSIH-KIANGYIN LINE LIVING UP TO CLAIMS

Shanghai, 1.45 p.m., To-day.
Foreign observers are suitably impressed by the solidity of resistance now being offered by the Chinese on the Wusih-Kiangyin front, which appears to be living up to all claims for its stiffness as an obstacle.

Wusih has been reduced practically to ruins by continuous air bombardment and artillery fire, although there are few troops actually in the town, the Chinese main lines being some three or four miles to the east of Wusih.

The Japanese are reported to have suffered severe losses in frontal attacks in the vicinity of Chowkinhang, along the railway between Wusih and Soochow.

Japanese infantry are struggling in vain against stout defence and wretched weather round Kiangyin.

Reliable reports indicate that the Japanese advance on the south of Taihu Lake has also been brought to a complete standstill.—Our Own Correspondent.

NORMAN DAVIS GOING HOME

Tokyo, To-day.
According to advices to the Foreign Office, Mr. Norman Davis, the American delegate to the

NO TROOPS ANYWHERE NEAR SCENE OF CANTON RAID

Canton, To-day.
A graphic eye-witness account of the result of the bombing of Honam this morning was given to Reuter by Mr. L. F. Newman, a British official of the Salt Gabelle, who visited the scene a few minutes after the raid and estimates that 100 were killed.

Many Red Cross ambulances and lorries, laden with coffins, were rushed to the scene of the disaster, where consternation reigned.

Mr. Newman saw many weeping relatives and highly praised the work of scores of young Chinese nurses endeavouring to cope with scenes of indescribable horror.

Mr. Newman escorted an 80-year-old Chinese friend from his house, which was damaged by a bomb, to safety.

Four bombs, estimated to have been 500-lb. missiles, were dropped in crowded districts. No troops were anywhere near the scene.—Renter.

FRENZIED TELEPHONING

Canton, To-day.
Canton was again bombed to-day with a slaughter of civilians estimated to exceed 100 and serious damage done in Honam. The island across the river from Canton.

Mr. L. F. Newman, a native of Witherssea, Yorkshire, told Reuter that he went to Honam following frenzied telephoning from the relatives of Salt Gabelle employees there.

He said: "When I arrived on the scene half an hour after the bombing, hundreds of Red Cross workers were busy extricating the dead and wounded."

"I personally witnessed four bodies removed from debris last evening."
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Brussels Conference, is leaving Europe in the s.s. Washington on December 2.—Our Own Correspondent.

JAPANESE TAKE OVER CUSTOMS IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, 1.30 p.m., To-day.
It is reliably reported that the Japanese are proceeding to take over all Chinese control organisations in the International Settlement, including the Chinese Maritime Customs, without protest by the Consuls.

It is understood that the foreign officials' Commissioner of Customs in Shanghai, is being displaced by Mr. Akatane, formerly adviser to the C.M.C. in Nientsin.

He is taking charge as from to-day.

Mr. Kato is to take charge of the Special Tax Branch of the Customs.

Chinese newspapers with a combined circulation of over 500,000 are closing down and the offices of the Central News Agency, the official Chinese news distribution organisation, has already closed, on the advice of the Shanghai Municipal Police.—Our Own Correspondent.

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HERR HITLER TO ATTEND NIPPON BANQUET

Berlin, To-day.

It is officially confirmed that Herr Hitler will attend the banquet given to-day by the Japanese Ambassador in commemoration of the anniversary of the Anti-Comintern Pact.

Herr Hitler will visit Berlin especially for the occasion, while Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, German Ambassador in London, will fly to Berlin, and all available Cabinet Ministers will be present.

Field-Marshal von Blomberg, the Defence Minister, General Hermann Goering and the commanders-in-chief of the army and navy will represent the armed forces.

NOT A HABIT

This is only the second time that Herr Hitler has been the guest of a foreign diplomat.

He was previously the guest of the British Ambassador on the occasion of the visit of Sir John Simon and Mr. Anthony Eden in March, 1935.—Reuter.

SOUTH AFRICA UNION AND PROTECTORATES

London, To-day.

Asked in the Commons whether, if and when the transfer of the Protectorates of South Africa takes place it will come within terms of the schedule to the South Africa Act, Lord Hartington, replying for the Dominions Secretary, said His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom do not contemplate that there should be any departure from the general scheme of administration contemplated in the South Africa Act, and as I informed the House recently, I have no reason to think the Union Government would wish to propose any such departure.—British Wireless.

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GERMANS SENTENCED AS SPIES

Moscow, To-day.

Two Germans, alleged to have been agents of the Nazi secret police, have been sentenced to long terms of imprisonment on a charge of espionage by the Soviet authorities.

It is reported the men entered Russia disguised as tourists with forged passports, and were instructed to destroy oil tanks and railway property.—Reuter.

ROOSEVELT TRUCE WITH UTILITIES

Washington, To-day.

There are indications that the Administration is placing greater emphasis on a truce with the utility interests rather than on tax revision as a business stimulus.

President Roosevelt yesterday, after a ninety-minute talk with Mr. Wendell Wilkie, President of the Commonwealth and Southern Corporation, reported distinct progress towards composing differences between the Administration and private utilities.

He said Mr. Wilkie, speaking for himself, agreed with the President's theory of common law valuation for utilities in determining rates to the consumer, and also agreed that the Government should sell power from its various projects—a question which has been one of the main bones of contention.

President Roosevelt said that although the discussion with Mr. Wilkie was only theoretical, they dealt with certain fundamentals, including the understanding that between \$1,250,000,000 and \$1,500,000,000 could be spent usefully for utility construction.—Reuter.

MR. MALCOLM MACDONALD BACK

London, To-day.

The Dominions Secretary returned to London from Brussels last evening in order to attend to-day's Cabinet and to make arrangements for the funeral of his father, whose body in a British warship is due to reach this country on Thursday. The service in Westminster Abbey will be held on Friday.—British Wireless.

MR. J. H. LECHE'S NEW STATUS

London, To-day.

Mr. J. H. Leche, who has been British Charge d'Affaires to the Government of Spain for some time has been given the local rank of Minister Plenipotentiary. Mr. Leche will be moving from Valencia to the neighbourhood of Barcelona where the Spanish Government now is, in the course of next week.—British Wireless.



Two Queens Meet At Armistice Service. King George looks on as Queen Mary and Queen Elizabeth affectionately greet one another upon arrival in King Charles St. on their way to the Cenotaph. (Fox Copyright: By Air Mail).

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12.30 p.m.—Billy Mayerl at the Piano.
12.42 p.m.—Latest Dance Records.
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.05 p.m.—New Musical Comedy Selections.
"Grassy Days" Selection (Eyton, Carter & Mayerl).
The Shaftesbury Theatre Orchestra, London.
"Crest Of The Wave" Selection (Ivor Novello, arr. C. Prentice).
The Drury Lane Theatre Orch.
1.20 p.m.—Liszt: Hungarian Rhapsody No. 1. Played by the Berlin State Opera Orchestra conducted by Prof. Hermann Abendroth.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press. Local Weather Report and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—New Variety Selections.
"On The Avenue" Selection.
Louis Levy & His Gammon.
British Symphony.
Comedian—Put It Down.
The Old Oak Tree (Miller).
Piano—Jammin'—Quickstep.

(film "Turn off the Moon")
Sweet Heartache—Slow Fox-Trot (film "The Hit Parade")
Gerry Moore.
Duet—Tricky Little Tune.
A More Or Less Volga Boat Song (McGill).
Major and Minor.
Organ—"Broadway Melody of 1938" Selection.
"The Singing Marine" Selection.
Reginald Foort.
Orchestral—You're Laughing At Me (film "On the Avenue")
Roy Smeeck & His Hawaiian Serenaders.
2.15—Close down.
4.7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7-11 p.m.—European Programme.
7 p.m.—Songs by Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone).
The Admiral's Broom (Bevan).
A Jovial Monk Am I (La Poupée—Andran).
The Shepherd Boy's Song (Pepper).
7.10 p.m.—New Mayfair Orchestra.
"Balalaika" Selection (Ponsford).
Cavalcade Of Martial Songs.

(arr. H. Nicholls)
(Vocalist George Baker).
"The Cat And The Fiddle" Selection (Harbach & Kern).
7.30 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations and Hong Kong Exchange Market Report.
7.35 p.m.—Variety.
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Studio—The Moana Beach Boys.
8.23 p.m.—Songs by Lillian Harvey (Soprano).
Fantasy From Film "Black Roses".
To-day I Am Happy—Waltz Song (film "Black Roses").
8.30 p.m.—London Relay—Variety including Issy Bonn, Comedian and Compere, Rosamond, Freda, and Bobbie, The Happy Three, Worden and West, Two Old Women, Supported by Harry Gordon & His Band.
9 p.m.—London Relay—"World Affairs".
A talk by J. L. Briery, O.B.E., Chichele Professor of International Law, Oxford.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—Dance Music.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.50 p.m.—Haydn Quartet In B Major, Op. 76, No. 4. Played by the Prisca Quartet.
10.09 p.m.—Songs by Richard Crooks (Tenor).
O Song Divine (Arthur St. Ives—Gordon Temple).
Good-Bye (Whyte-Melville—Tosti).
Killarney (Falconer-Baile).
10.20 p.m.—Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.
The Guards Patrol (Williams).
Coronation March And Hymn (German—arr. Godfrey).
Marche Lorraine (Ganne).
Belphegor, Quick March (Brepant).
10.32 p.m.—New Dance Music.
11 p.m.—Close down.

9.35 a.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signals at 9.45 a.m.
9.55 a.m.—Ballad Concert by Australian Artists.
10.10 a.m.—Green Fields and Pavements.
10.25 a.m.—Close down.
Frequencies:
GSG 21.63 Mc/s (12.95 m.)
GSG 21.67 Mc/s (12.97 m.)
GSG 15.18 Mc/s (19.76 m.)
GSG 11.75 Mc/s (25.53 m.)
GSG 9.51 Mc/s (31.55 m.)
10.45 a.m.—Big Ben—Beethoven String Quartets—2.
11.15 a.m.—The BBC Military Band.
12.00 Noon—"Tobacco" A feature programme.
12.30 p.m.—Variety.
1.00 p.m.—World Affairs. A talk by J. L. Briery, O.B.E., Chichele Professor of International Law, Oxford.
1.15 p.m.—Dance Music.
1.30 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 1.45 p.m.
1.50 p.m.—Close down.
TRANSMISSION 3
Frequencies:
GSG 21.67 Mc/s (12.97 m.)
GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)
GSG 15.18 Mc/s (19.76 m.)
GSG 11.75 Mc/s (25.53 m.)
GSG 9.51 Mc/s (31.55 m.)
2.15 p.m.—Big Ben—The Symphonies of Beethoven—7.
2.55 p.m.—Piano Solo Interlude.
3.00 p.m.—Music Hall.
4.00 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 4.15 p.m.
4.20 p.m.—Matters of Moment! A talk by Diwan Bahadur Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar, C.I.E.
4.35 p.m.—Jan Berenska and his Orchestra from the Pump Room, Teanington Spa.
5.00 p.m.—Close down.
BERLIN BROADCAST
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2.50 p.m.—Greetings to our listeners.
3.00 p.m.—News and Economic Review.
4.00 p.m.—Melodica from "Prince Caramo" by Albert Hertings.
5.45 p.m.—Press Review.
6.30 p.m.—Three Singing Village.
8.00 p.m.—News.
9.15 p.m.—Witches, ghosts, spooks and devils.
10.00 p.m.—News and Economic Review.
10.15 p.m.—To-day in Germany.
10.30 p.m.—Paprika and Hungarian wine—Lively music.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

When To Make A Short Suit Lead

While you must remember that your longest and best suit usually should be opened at no trump, there are certain cases in which a short suit lead may be made.

1. When your hand is so weak that there seems to be no hope of establishing your own long suit, make a warning short suit lead. A warning lead is made from a hand such as S—9 6 3, H—8 6, D—10 8 6 5 3, C—J 5 2. Even if your partner should be strong in diamonds and have one or two entries, after the suit is established you never can get the lead to cash the established cards. It is better, therefore, to open a short suit in the hope that it will be your partner's long suit, and that he will have enough entries to establish and cash it.

In making a warning lead, prefer a three card suit to a doubleton. But do not open a three card suit headed by an honour unless you have no other available lead. From the hand in the foregoing paragraph, the best lead is the S—9. Sometimes a three card suit, such as Q—J or J—10 x, may be opened. Ten 9 x is an excellent short suit lead.

TO-DAY'S HAND

It is not often that a declarer can deliberately throw away a trick, to extract a two-for-one repayment from the enemy. In the hand shown below, however, South managed that unusual feat and fulfilled a contract that was impossible by any other method.

North, dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
Thirty part-score.
NORTH
S—Q 10 7 6
H—5 4
D—K 8 7
C—6 5 3 2
WEST
S—8 5 3 2
H—6
D—J 10 6 5
C—10 9 8 7
EAST
S—J 9 4
H—A 9 7 3
D—A Q 9
C—K Q J
SOUTH
S—A K
H—K Q J 10 8 2
D—4 3 2
C—A 4
The bidding:
S—1
H—2
D—3
C—4
S—5
H—6
D—7
C—8
S—9
H—10
D—11
C—12

North East South West
Pass 1 no trump 3 hearts Pass
Pass Pass
South considered his own vulnerability and 30 part-score sufficient reason for going out for game rather than doubling the nonvulnerable no trump for penalties.

Had West opened the jack of diamonds, the defeat of the contract would have been automatic, since the loss of three diamonds, one club and one heart could not have been avoided. The ten of clubs opening lead, however, gave declarer the opportunity for a beautiful play. He won the first trick and laid down the heart king. East won and returned the king and queen of clubs. South followed to the first, and ruffed the second with the eight of hearts. Two more high trumps now disclosed that East had started with four, which gave declarer food for thought.

It was quite obvious that the diamond king would not stand up as an entry to dummy, hence to draw trumps and lead a diamond would virtually be surrendering three diamond tricks and the contract. (If declarer had cashed his high spades, drawn trumps and led a diamond, West would merely have had to be careful to put up a high diamond so that his partner would not be thrown into an automatic end-play).

On the logical assumption that since East had held four hearts, the rest of his hand probably was divided 3-3-3, declarer saw a splendid avenue to his contract. He cashed the ace and king of spades and, instead of picking up East's nine of trumps, deliberately played the deuce in order to throw East on lead. After that play East was helpless. A spade return would concede two tricks to the dummy, whereas the lead of the ace and another diamond would have precisely the same effect.

Thus, conceding a trump trick, although such concession was totally unnecessary, saved two tricks and the contract.

TO-DAY'S QUESTION

Question: What is the correct opening bid on the following?
S—9 4 H—K 10 3 6 D—8 4 C—A K Q 8
Answer: One club.

BROADCAST FROM DAVENTRY

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8.55 a.m.—The Symphonies of Beethoven—7.

What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE MAJESTIC—"Nobody's Baby." With Patsy Kelly and Lyda Roberti as a starring fun team, this Hal-Rosch feature comedy is a laugh-fest from start to finish. The cast includes Lynne Overman, Robert Armstrong, Rosina Lawrence and Don Alvarado.
AT THE QUEEN'S AND ALHAMBRA—"Artists and Models." Paramount's million dollar musical, with Jack Benny, Ida Lupino, Richard Arlen, Gail Patrick, Ben Blue, Hedda Hopper, the Yacht Club Boys, Andre Kostelanetz and his orchestra.
AT THE STAR—"John Meade's Woman." The man who would fight anything meets a woman who fights back to give you the dramatic thrill of a lifetime. With Edward Arnold, Gail Patrick, George Bancroft and the famous New York stage star, Francine Lawrence.
AT THE ORIENTAL—"Things To Come." With Raymond Massey and Cedric Hardwicke—H. G. Wells' prophetic film spectacle typical of to-day's events.
AT THE KING'S—"Good Earth." With Paul Muni, June Rainer and Walter Connolly—Paul Buck's best selling novel made by MGM into its most gripping and most entertaining.



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BRITISH RELATIONS WITH SIAM

Bangkok, To-day.
A new Anglo-Siamese Treaty of friendship was signed yesterday, taking the place of the treaty which expired on Nov. 5, 1937. Siam denounced all foreign treaties following the abdication of King Prajadhipok.—Reuter.

FLYING RECORDS BROKEN

Berlin, To-day.
Three world flying records were broken yesterday by the chief pilot of the Heinkel works in a two-motored land machine.

The plane carried a load of 1,000 kilograms and maintained during 1 hour 58 minutes an average speed of 504.09 kilometres an hour.

The following records were broken:

Over 1,000 kilometres with 1,000 kilograms.

Over 1,000 kilometres with 500 kilograms.

Over 2,000 kilometres without a payload.

Previous holders of these records were Lt. Bruno Mussolini, son of Il Duce, and Col. Bisco.—Trans-Ocean.

BRUNO IN SPEED PLANE

Rome, To-day.
Lt. Bruno Mussolini, son of Il Duce, and Col. Bisco, flying a trimotored plane, yesterday bettered the international speed record for planes with a payload of 500, 1,000 and 2,000 kilograms.

Their speed was 430.622 kilometres an hour, compared with the Norfolk and Essex report an out-former mark of 423.618 kilometres an hour, over a 1,000 kilometre course.

Lt. Mussolini and Col. Bisco, it will be recalled, flew together in the recent Istres-Damascus-France air race, in which they were placed third.—Trans-Ocean.

Italian Journalist Recalled

Rome, To-day.
The Paris correspondent of "Tribuna" has been recalled to Italy, and has already left for Rome, says the semi-official Italian news agency.

The correspondent was author of an article on Franco-Italian relations, publication of which in "Tribuna" led to the paper's confiscation by the Italian Ministry of Propaganda.—Trans-Ocean.

MADRID FRONT FIGHTING

Paris, To-day.
Heavy fighting occurred on the Madrid front yesterday, particularly near the Agricultural School in University town.

Several tanks on both sides are reported to have been disabled.—Trans-Ocean.

CLOUSTON, FLIGHT COMMENDED

Berlin, To-day.
The double record flight from London to Capetown and back accomplished by Flying Officer Clouston and Mrs. Betty Kirby Green in their D. H. Comet, is featured in the German press, which pays warm tribute to the pluck, perseverance and skill of the fliers.

The "Cologne Gazette" remarks that the performance was worthy of all the greater praise since Mrs. Green only obtained her flying certificate six weeks ago.

After recalling that the aviators flew to Capetown and back in less than half the time needed by Amy Johnson when she set up the previous record, the paper observes that the new mark should stand for a long time to come.—Trans-Ocean.

BUILT FOR THE SOVIET

Rome, To-day.
A speedy coastal motor boat ordered by the Soviet from the Italian shipbuilding yards at Livorno, was launched on Sunday, says "Giornale d'Italia."

According to established Italian custom, the boat was dedicated by an Italian priest and flew the flag at her bow.

The launching was completely private and unofficial and was not attended by Soviet representatives.—Trans-Ocean.

CATTLE DISEASE SPREADS

London, To-day.
Foot and mouth disease has now spread to East Anglia, where Norfolk and Essex report an outbreak.

In Essex, over 100 cattle have to be slaughtered.

Special inspectors appointed by the Government have been granted extensive power in combatting the disease, and, says the Ministry of Agriculture, the epidemic should soon be controlled.—Trans-Ocean.

ITALO-TURKISH RELATIONS

Rome, To-day.
The scheduled visit of the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Ciano, to Ankara, the Turkish capital, has been postponed indefinitely.

The present international situation, it is stated, makes his absence from Rome impossible.—Trans-Ocean.

Vienna University Closed Down

Vienna, To-day.
The Rector of Vienna University yesterday closed down the institution for an indefinite period.

The measure was the outcome of demonstrations by students of medicine against contemplated extension of the duration of the curriculum.—Trans-Ocean.

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KENYA ORDER TO LEAVE

Nairobi, To-day.
Telle Hayarist, formerly Abyssinian Minister in Paris and Abyssinian spokesman at Geneva, has been refused permission to remain in Kenya beyond expiry of his present three-months permit.—Reuter.

ART-CLUB AWARDS

Visitors to the recent Hong Kong Art Club Exhibition may be interested to hear that Mr. Wong Siang's oil painting No. 161, "Sunset" received the most votes. Miss M. Whitham's charcoal study of a Chinese Head No. 160 came next on the list.

The selection Committee's choice of the best picture in the show was Mr. Lee Byng's "Hong Kong Night" No. 82.

SOVIET CHURCH DIGNITARIES CONDEMNED

London, To-day.

Twenty-two high dignitaries of the Orthodox Church have been sentenced to death for treason at Orel, in central Russia, according to press reports.

The condemned include one Archbishop, two Bishops and six Archimandrites.

King Carol of Rumania, says on paper, is to make a personal appeal to Stalin in an attempt to save the Churchmen.

The "Daily Telegraph" says that a new wave of anti-Christian persecution is sweeping the Soviet.

"CONTAGIOUS"

The journal says that treason in Russia appears to be more contagious than typhoid and that the charges brought against the ecclesiastics appear to be just as incredible as those against officers, diplomats and civil servants.

"Even the most ardent supporter of Stalin," says the paper "cannot under present circumstances be sure that his turn will not come."—Trans-Ocean.

M. DELBOS' DIPLOMATIC TOUR PLANS

Paris, To-day.

The programme of the journey which the Foreign Minister, M. Yvon Delbos, will make to the Little Entente countries (Czechoslovakia, Yugo-Slavia and Rumania) has now been drawn up.

M. Delbos will leave Paris on the evening of Dec. 2 for Warsaw where he is due to arrive the next afternoon. On Dec. 6 he will go to Cracow and will reach Bucharest on Dec. 8, leaving again on Dec. 11 for Belgrade, where he will stay till Dec. 14.

He will arrive in Prague on Dec. 15 and will return to Paris on Dec. 18.

Referring to the journey, the chairman of the Senate's foreign affairs committee, M. Berenger, writing in "Agence Economique et Financiere," says that France's main task is to cement the Little Entente countries' friendship with Russia.—Trans-Ocean.

DR. LUTHER'S RETURN

Among the passengers arriving in Hong Kong by the "Ranchi" this afternoon was Dr. Hans Luther, former German Ambassador to Washington.

Dr. Luther, who is attending the reception on Friday to the German tennis players, Baron Gottfried von Cramm and Henner Henkel, is leaving on Saturday by the "Ranchi" for Singapore, whence he will proceed to the Netherlands East Indies.

JAPAN'S "CRUSADE" ENTHUSIASM

Tokyo, To-day.

Japan is endeavouring to make the most out of her association with Germany and Italy in the anti-Comintern Pact.

On the anniversary of the signing of the original pact tomorrow, there will be an exchange of broadcasts, with Dr. Goebbels speaking from Germany, and Mr. Nagai, Minister of Communications, from Japan.—Our Own Correspondent.

NANKING STILL THE CHINESE CAPITAL

Nanking, To-day.

"Nanking is still the Chinese capital. Government withdrawal was actuated by determination to continue to resist," declared General Chang Chun, Chief Secretary of the National Military Council, at a tea and reception attended by prominent foreign residents and press representatives, as well as the Mayor of Nanking, Mr. Ma Chao-chun, yesterday.

General Chang Chun said the greatest attention was being paid to maintenance of civil law and order in the city.

Civil affairs were under the control of the Mayor, and order was maintained by General Chang Chun.

The authorities were affording the greatest protection to foreign life and property, and would use every means possible to avert danger to either.—Reuter.

SHEIKH REBEL LEADER TO STAND TRIAL

Jerusalem, To-day.

Among four prominent Arabs arrested yesterday at Almazar, five miles from Yenin, was Sheikh Garhan el Sahdi, joint leader of the Arab revolt in 1935 together with Sheikh Ezzedin, who was captured and executed in that year.

For months past the police have been searching for Sahdi, who bears the reputation of a "holy man."

Since all four men were carrying arms they will be tried without delay by one of the newly constituted military courts.

It is expected the trial will open to-day. The court is empowered to pass the death sentence.—Trans-Ocean.

FLOOD HAVOC IN JAMAICA

Kingston (Jamaica), To-day.

Nineteen persons have been drowned in serious floods in various parts of Jamaica, while many houses and plantations damaged.—Reuter.

LONDON OPINION NOT ALARMED BY JAPANESE DEMANDS IN SHANGHAI

Washington, To-day.

The State Department has not yet taken up consideration of the Japanese demands regarding the International Settlement of Shanghai, but has left the matter to the United States authorities on the spot.—Reuter.

London, To-day.

Opinion in London is not unduly alarmed at the situation in Shanghai.

The Japanese demands to the municipal authorities in the International Settlement are not regarded as high-handed because it is realised that the Japanese, now that they have taken possession of the Chinese city, are averse to seeing the Settlement made the centre of anti-Japanese activity.

FINDING A METHOD

It is pointed out in this connection that there are about one million Chinese inhabitants in the Settlement.

It is now up to the municipal authorities to find a method of complying to a reasonable degree with the Japanese demands, without forfeiting any of their long-established rights.

LOCAL COMPETENCE

Should some question affecting agreement between China and the foreign governments established in the Settlement arise, it would have to be referred to Europe.

Otherwise, matters affecting local arrangements with the Japanese lie within the competence of the municipal authorities.—Reuter.

LORD HALIFAX'S BERLIN TRIP

London, To-day.

Mr. C. R. Attlee, leader of the Labour opposition, questioned the Premier in the House of Commons yesterday respecting Lord Halifax's visit to Germany.

The Premier asked Mr. Attlee to repeat the question to-day, when he hoped to make a statement.—Reuter.

HALIFAX-HITLER TALK SPECULATION

London, To-day.

The question of Anglo-German relations in connection with the Halifax-Hitler talks, and the statement which Mr. Neville Chamberlain is expected to make in the House of Commons to-day, continues to be the main attraction in the British press.

The "Daily Mail" stresses that Lord Halifax was "profoundly impressed by all he saw in Germany," and says that Lord Halifax informed Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Eden immediately after his return to London of this "profound impression."

The "Daily Express" says that the British Government is now fully informed on the political aims of Germany and the Reich's demands.—Trans-Ocean.

COMMUNICATION WITH FRANCE

Paris, To-day.

The French Government has not yet received any communication from the British Government regarding the Halifax visit to Berlin.

With regard to the question of eventual political or territorial changes in Europe, it is pointed out here that the French Government realises that the present European status cannot be continued for ever.

The present status, however, cannot be changed by force, but only by peaceful negotiations between all powers concerned.

This viewpoint conforms to the Briand-Kellogg Pact, which Britain and France acknowledge.—Trans-Ocean.

An interesting announcement is made by the Osaka Shosen Kaisha that as from to-morrow spelling of the firm's name will be changed to Osaka Syosen Kaisha.

ITALIAN EX-SERVICEMEN VISIT LONDON

London, To-day.

The delegation of Italian ex-Servicemen now visiting London at the invitation of the British Legion were received at the War Office yesterday afternoon by Mr. Horé Belisha who said that as Secretary of State for War it was a special privilege for him to pay a tribute to courage, tenacity and endurance of Italian soldiers during the years of the Great War.

The War Secretary referred, in particular, to the distinguished record of the Bersaglieri, in which Signor Carlo Delcroix, leader of the delegation, and Signor Rossi, Chairman of the Italian National organisation of ex-Servicemen both served. Signor Rossi received for valour the Medaglia, which Mr. Horé Belisha observed, was equivalent to the British Victoria Cross.

The Minister commented on the warm reception the British Legion delegation had met with in Rome last April and said he thought the making and renewing of friendship between men who had experienced the heroic tragedies of the Great War, an whatever side they fought, must be of service to the cause of peace and goodwill.—British Wireless.

ASTOUNDING REVELATIONS OF SCALE OF CAGOULDARD PLOT

Plans For Concerted Attack On Paris Chamber

COMPLETE SCHEME FOR ACHIEVEMENT OF REVOLUTION

Paris, To-day.

A plan for concerted attack on the Chamber of Deputies is claimed to have been found in a Paris office by the police among complete archives dealing with the mysterious Cagouldards (Hooded Men).

No date for the attack was given. There was also a detailed plan of the residence of the Vice-Premier, M. Leon Blum.

Meanwhile the greatest reticence is being observed regarding Cabinet consideration of the Cagouldards' activities, and it is merely announced that the Minister of the Interior gave his colleague an account of the police enquiries.

CIVIL WAR AIM

A communique says that the mysterious organisation was designed for civil war and replacement of the Republican form of government by a dictatorship which would precede restoration of the monarchy.

Detailed plans were discovered, which included facsimiles of the signatures of certain Ministers and a list of Ministers and Members of Parliament to be arrested at a given signal.

The organisation was stated to comprise a general staff, a first, second, third and fourth bureaux and a medical service.

The effectives were separated into "divisions, brigades, regiments and battalions," and so forth.

WHOLESALE PLOT

The police also discovered papers showing means of seizing depots of omnibuses of the Paris Transport Board, canal traffic and road traffic outside Paris, with the intention of transforming them into offensive equipment, and a plan for seizing arms at Mont Valerian (a fort on the outskirts of Paris).

"These preparations have come to naught, thanks to the vigilance of the Government, which has the confidence of the country."

"Republican institutions have nothing to fear from the operations of these dissidents," says a communique issued by the Ministry of the Interior.

MINUTE DETAILS

The dissidents' plan was minutely prepared, states the communique.

Searches revealed apparatus for making false identity papers.

Instructions for transport of arms.

Information regarding the State's forces in Paris and environs, with the names of officers commanding units.

Information regarding various officers and the equipment of certain regiments.

Blank army forms stolen from military offices.

A plan of the sewers of Paris with routes leading to the Chamber of Deputies.

A plan of the offices of Left Wing newspapers, and Plans of the flats of Socialist deputies.

DETENTION WARRANTS ISSUED

Paris, To-day.

The official communique on the discovery of arms depots states that inquiries are being pursued without interruption, and that the activities of the guilty will be severely punished.

The Government is sure of itself and it is able to check any criminal action directed against the Republic. Detention warrants have been issued against M. Eugen de Londe, director of several shipping companies, and four others, including a 60-year-old ex-captain of a naval sloop and a young sergeant pilot.—Reuter.

Royalists Behind The Riot

Paris, To-day.

The gravity of the Cagouldards affair was emphasised by the Minister of the Interior, M. Max Dormoy, in an informal chat to newspapermen and correspondents late last night.

Overthrow of the Republic and restoration of the monarchy were the objectives of the plot, he said, linking up the affair with the meeting in Switzerland a few days ago of 1,000 members of the French Royalist Party under the chairmanship of the Comte de Paris.

First step of the organisation, he said, had they met with success, would have been a military dictatorship, which would be replaced later by monarchical rule.

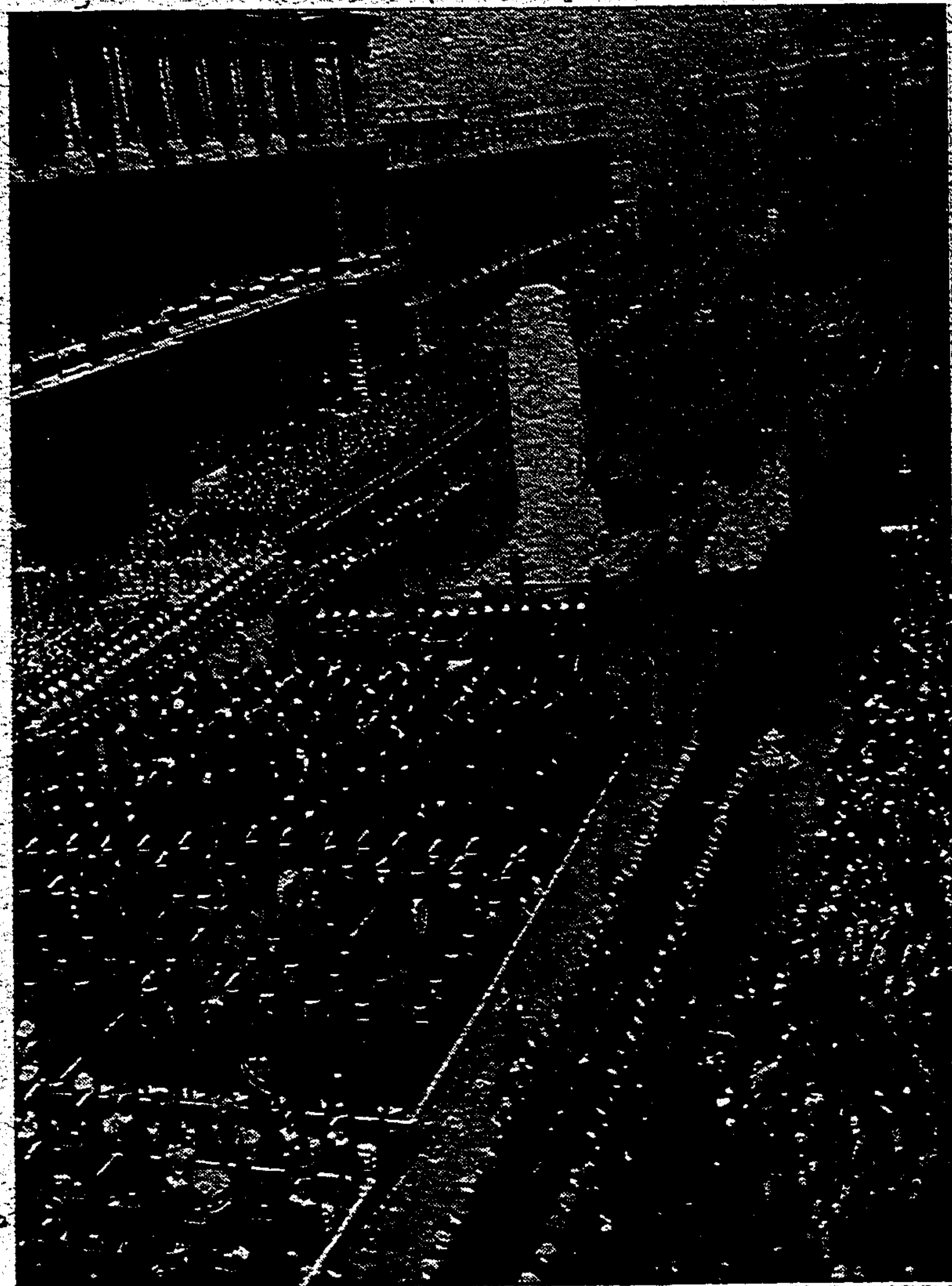
The attempt to overthrow the Government could now be regarded as having definitely failed, and the conspirators would feel the full severity of the law.—Trans-Ocean.

DEATH OF SIR JAGADIS BOSE

London, To-day.

All the evening papers in recording with regret the death in Bengal yesterday morning of Sir Jagadis Bose, the famous scientist and botanist, at the age of 78, print extensive commentaries on his discoveries and original scientific work—so original that it was at first received with scepticism in the scientific world itself.

Sir Jagadis Bose was at one time a member of the League of Nations International Committee on international cooperation.—British Wireless.



A striking general view of the scene in Whitehall during this year's Armistice Day ceremony. This picture was secured with the use of a wide-angle camera and an infrared plate. (Fox Copyright: By Air Mail).

ARMY RESERVES

London, To-day.

Mr. Hore Belisha informed the Commons yesterday that the strength of the Army Reserve at the end of September, 1936, was 115,000 and at the end of last September, 123,351. The Supplementary Reserve also showed an increase.—British Wireless.

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Cyril James Sighs... THIS WEEK 3 WOMEN DROVE ME MAD!

THE more I see and hear of women, the more I marvel at their power to enslave and bemuse at least eight out of ten given men, and their even more astonishing power to drive peace-loving fellows to the verge of madness.

Yes, I am annoyed. Blame three women I met this week for that.

I was not in love with any of them; I was not even remotely fond of them. Yet these women, within half an hour of conversation, had each exasperated me.

My annoyance soon died down, and as it did I realised that possibly these women had not offended me intentionally.

That is why I am telling you the story of the three women who made me mad.

The first was—well, let's call her Elsie.

She is a typist—and man-mad. I don't mean that she is a bad girl. On the contrary, in a few years she will probably make an admirable wife and mother.

I know the office where she works, and quite a few of the people who employ her.

Now Elsie has a good job.

She lives at home with her parents, is rarely delayed at the office, since her immediate chief is one of those rare men who get their dictation finished in the morning and early afternoon.

"Of course," she said to me, "you know Mr. —."

I said I did. "Nice little fellow," I added, "nice wife, too, and a grand kid."

"Wife?" said Elsie. "Kids? Oh, boy, if you only knew the half of it!" She rolled her eyes and there was a slither on Mr. — in every roll.

"Why?" I said, maybe foolishly. "Is that the sort of thing that goes on?"

In thirty minutes she gave me a review of the sex-urges of that office male staff that would have made the writer of the Arabian Nights Entertainments tear up his manuscript.

Possibly there was a grain of truth beneath the mountain of fiction she had created. For a while it amused me to see how she had let her imagination run away with her.

Then I became angry. I suddenly remembered that half a dozen girls like Elsie could tell even more shocking stories about me—with just as little cause.

I SAID TO ELSIE:

"Well, I think you're putting it on rather thick. After all, most of the men you've mentioned would be dead scared to do a half of the things you described. Don't be silly, dear."

BUT I OUGHT TO HAVE SAID TO ELSIE:

"You're just a little pest—and a dangerous one at that. Just because you happen to be moderately good-looking, and just because

a man happens to be polite to you, you're playing him the dirtiest trick in your power. You're no even as honest as the girl who falls in love with a man and risks an affair with him.

"You're a coward with a dirty mind."

"When I was a small boy, grown-ups would tell me to wash out my mouth if they caught me swearing. Would to heaven I could make you scrub your imagination clean!"

The second woman was—let's call her Rosa, since I'm disguising their real names.

Now Rosa is one of these advanced, modern women. Dresses in a semi-masculine style, talks loudly and authoritatively.

We were four in the party. A rather nice young fellow, his wife, Rosa, and myself.

From the moment we met Rosa fixed her glittering eye on this young wife and started to ridicule everything she held dear.

Rosa roared with delight when the husband mentioned the suburban house he is buying on a twenty-year plan.

"Keep up the payments, Jack," shouted Rosa, "an enemy bomb will arrive down the chimney just as the receipt for the last instalment drops through the letterbox!"

The young husband dried up. His first timid contributions to the conversation drew an annihilating response from Rosa.

So the talk languished until Rosa, with a cry of, "Well, I suppose you people have nothing better to do than talk about babies and bungalows," whirled away.

I SAID TO ROSA:

"Don't be so disagreeable. We allow you a right to your own opinion—why not admit we have minds, too? Come on, have another cup of tea and be quiet a moment."

BUT I OUGHT TO HAVE SAID TO ROSA:

"You're just a fake. You bluster through life intimidating and deceiving most people. But you don't deceive me, and what is more important, you don't even deceive yourself."

"Life has defeated you. You don't know any real, lasting happiness."

"So in revenge you set out to sneer and stamp on the things that have brought other people the happiness you have missed; homes, babies, love, trust, charity, little domestic stories, honesty, ambition."

"But I needn't trouble to tell you all this. You know it. And you know it most bitterly when you leave the noisy party and go to your little room where you sit alone—quite alone—looking at yourself and hating yourself."

The third I'm going to re-christen Jane.

Jane is a young married woman. She asked me to meet her in a restaurant, and when I turned up, she giggled secretively.

"My husband thinks I've gone to an Institute meeting," she simpered, "what he would say if he could see me here, eating and drinking with you, well... But isn't it too marvellous together?"

I squashed this line of thought

by politely suggesting that we ring up her husband and ask him along.

She Said Her Husband Was Never A Bit 'Exciting'!

She countered by an attack on her absent husband that made me blink, since I had always thought them a moderately happy couple.

And why do you think she attacked him?

Because he was so dull, so regular, so trust-worthy.

He always turned up at home the same hour every evening; she could never get him to take her to exciting, expensive places; she had come to know his every mood. He was never "different," but, oh! so boringly dependable.

I thought, as she gushed on, of the thousands of neglected wives who would gladly exchange their "exciting," picturesque, devil-may-care and quite callous husbands for a man who is decent and honourable enough to love his home and guard it as a sanctuary.

I SAID TO JANE:

"Oh, there are many worse than your husband. You'd probably get a shock if you had married the kind of man you admire now."

BUT I OUGHT TO HAVE SAID TO JANE:

"Why, you..."

No, I oughtn't to have said anything.

I ought to have put her across my knee and smacked her.

THE WORLD GOES BY By "ULYSSES"

For Teetotallers Only —

AN amethyst worn in the navel is a safeguard against drunkenness: against the drunkenness of others as well as indulgence on your own part.

The origin of the superstition, says "Coronet," lies in a frustrated love affair. Dionysius, dead drunk, became a source of annoyance to a girl, who implored the help of the goddess Diana.

Not a moment too soon, Diana turned the girl into pure amethyst. Dionysius was foiled again. From then onwards the amethyst became fashionable amongst all enemies of Bacchus: and was worn in the navel, where it was both safe and unobtrusive.

To this day amethyst is considered a safeguard against alcoholism. Curious.

For Bachelors Only —

Being a godfather is one of the penalties, or privileges of bachelorhood.

What makes a bachelor?

It is no longer fashionable to put it down to a mama-complex. The smart thing to say nowadays is that certain men don't wed because "marriage has got itself such a bad name, y'know."

Bachelors are men who think too much.

Louis Bischo, New York consulting psychologist, summing up his own observation in "Bachelor," blames the male no more. The modern bachelor, he says, is the logical outcome of the modern women's fierce over-playing of her own game.

For The Broad-Minded Only —

"The tactics employed by perfidious Albion have always been to confuse international issues, like the cuttlefish squirting its ink in the surrounding waters in order to conceal the plans made for her own advantage. "Thanks to this double game, England has succeeded in extending her tentacles to the four quarters of the globe."—Continental paper.

First Tourist (examining suit of armour): "What on earth is this?"

Second Tourist: "It must be a bathing costume for the Mediterranean."

For The Drawing-Room:

Two gangsters were escorting a victim across a field on a dark and stormy night.

"What rats you are," grumbled the doomed man, "walking me through the rain like this."

"How about us?" growled the escorts.

"We've got to walk back."

ITALIAN ASSURANCE TO CHEN KUNG-PO

Brussels, To-day. Mr. Chen Kung-po, Chinese Minister of Propaganda, arrived here from Rome yesterday, and in a statement said that he had interviewed the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Ciano, and Signor Mussolini.

He emphasised that the Italian statesmen had assured him that Italy's Signing of the Anti-Comintern Pact had nothing to do with the Sino-Japanese conflict.

Mr. Chen said it was the business of the Brussels Conference to find a rapid and satisfactory solution in conformity with the principle of the Nine-Power Treaty.

OBJECT OF MISSION

Object of his mission was to inform Chinese Embassies and Legations of internal conditions and policies in China since the beginning of hostilities.

Mr. Chen Kung-po is leaving for Paris from Brussels. —Reuter

London, To-day.

Mr. W. H. Auden went to Buckingham Palace yesterday and received from the King the Gold Medal for Poetry awarded by His Majesty.

Mr. Auden was presented to the King by the Poet Laureate, Mr. John Masefield. —British Wireless.

CYNICISM OF BRUSSELS

British, American And Chinese Delegates Meet

FRENCH COMMENT OF FAILURE

Brussels, To-day.

LORD Cranborne (Britain), Mr. Norman Davis (United States) and Dr. Wellington Koo (China) reviewed the Sino-Japanese situation at a private meeting yesterday.

The Chinese delegates have not yet received instructions from Nanking, but hope they will arrive before the meeting of the Conference this afternoon.

The British and American delegates have examined the Conference declaration with M. Spaak, the President of the Conference.

No important amendment has been received from any delegation. — Reuter.

FRENCH CYNICISM

ATMOSPHERE OF INDIFFERENCE

Paris, To-day.

"The Brussels Conference is expiring in an atmosphere of indifference, since the Foreign Ministers of France, Britain and Russia all were absent from its last meeting," says "l'Époque".

The paper says that in the course of time perhaps one of the other Powers which either is hopelessly optimistic or else is bent on disturbing the peace, will demand that the Far Eastern conflict be again submitted to the League committee of twenty-three.

"It would be illusory, however, to suppose that this committee would decide to take energetic measures against Japan which the Brussels Conference has declined to do."

"It must be remembered that conditions in Europe are such as to require the full attention of the European Powers."

L'HUMANITE DEMAND

"L'Humanite" demands that the French Government should address a public proposal for common action against the Far Eastern aggressor to all states which favour collective security and the formation of a "peace front." — Trans-Ocean.

ANGLO-AMERICAN DISCUSSION

Brussels, To-day.

Informal statements by members of the United States delegation to the Far Eastern Conference emphatically deny that failure of the Conference was due to the attitude taken by the American delegation. It is stressed that although the United States agreed to attend the Conference aiming at peaceful settlement of the Far Eastern conflict, the United States Government considered it neither desirable nor necessary that the American delegation should play the leading role in negotiations.

U.S. ATTITUDE

It is recalled that Britain took the initiative in invoking the Conference, and that the United States merely agreed to take part in the Conference at the suggestion of Britain.

It is declared, however, that the might yet be possible. — Trans-Ocean.

CHANGING THE STATUS OF TERRITORIALS

London, To-day.

Further measures designed to recognise the full status of the Territorial Army as an integral part of the defence system were announced in the Commons at question time by the War Secretary.

The changes, which clearly indicate that the Territorial Army is now regarded as a first line force held in peace time on a part time basis but relied upon to take its place in an emergency alongside the regular army, affect the principles of appointments to the higher commands and also administrative details.

Perhaps the most interesting is the provision for two vacancies at the Staff College and one vacancy at the Imperial Defence College for Territorial Army officers. — British Wireless.

COAL ROYALTY BILL IN COMMONS

London, To-day.

The House of Commons yesterday passed the second reading of the Coal Royalties Bill.

The Government spokesman explained that the measure was designed in good times but to give industry not only to help the coal it some protection if bad things came.

The House, by 301 votes to 139, defeated a Labour motion of rejection on the ground that the measure did not include unified control of the whole industry under public ownership. — Reuter.

Mrs. Halley, of the Ritz Cafe, Hennessy Road, was this morning fined \$15 by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy when she was summoned for keeping a dog without a licence and with allowing the dog abroad in Hennessy Road, on November 8, without a muzzle or on lead.

British and American delegations again have discussed the question of whether or under what conditions mediation by the two countries

TOKYO SUPREME WAR LEADER'S DEMAND

Tokyo, To-day.

Advocating a "stern and unrelenting attitude towards the Chinese Government, Admiral Suetsugu, Supreme War Councillor, urged vigorous extension of the present campaign in China in an interview with the Premier, Prince Konoye.

The Admiral urged the Premier to "thoroughly chastise" the Chinese troops and not to stop the drive of the Japanese troops with the occupation of Nanking.

The Admiral said that Japan should avoid the lukewarm steps hitherto taken in settling incidents in China.

Japan should carry hostilities far deeper in North China and impress the country of the significance of the costly sacrifices made by the Japanese.

Meanwhile coming conferences of members of the Cabinet and military and naval leaders are expected to discuss the question of declaration of war against China. — Reuter.

WAR DECLARATION NECESSARY

Tokyo, To-day.

The necessity for Japan to formally declare war on China was stressed yesterday by the former Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese fleet, Admiral Suetsugu, in an interview with the Premier, Prince Konoye.

This is according to the most important Japanese financial paper, "Chugai Shogyo Shimpō," which adds that informed quarters state that the Government is seriously considering the question. — Trans-Ocean.

UNIFICATION OF RHODESIA'S COMMISSION

London, To-day.

A Royal Commission is to visit Southern and Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland to enquire and report whether any, and if so what, form of closer co-operation or association between those territories is desirable and feasible with due regard to the interests of all inhabitants, irrespective of race, and to the responsibilities of the United Kingdom Government for the interests of the native inhabitants.

In announcing to the Commons, the decision to send the Commission which had been reached in accord with the Government of Southern Rhodesia and after consultation with the Governments of Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland, Lord Hartington stated: "It is not yet possible to give the names of the Commission who would leave England in the early part of next year." — British Wireless.

VOLTE FACE ON LONDON STOCK MARKET

London, To-day.

In contrast to the morning's dismal opening, the London Stock Exchange finished the day yesterday on the crest of an energetic buying wave.

This volte face in sentiment was almost entirely due to the surprising, albeit welcome, action of Continental operators, who refrained from adding their share of nervous selling on the London market.

The latter immediately took heart from this unhoped for turn of events and, under the influence of increasing speculative support for certain issues, notably gold mining shares and oils, almost the whole of the Stock Exchange community "went to bed" in a happier frame of mind. — Reuter.

MONDAY'S SLUMP

London, To-day.

Monday's slump on the London Stock Exchange is estimated to have cost the investing public as much as \$50,000,000 and was the worst since 1929.

It was brought about, says the "Daily Express," by the inability of the American market to recover from the present state of depression and by rumours of revaluation. — Trans-Ocean.

53 DEGREES NIGHT TEMPERATURE

A minimum temperature of 53 degrees was experienced last night, after a maximum yesterday of 66 degrees. At 10 o'clock this morning the thermometer reading was 58 degrees, with humidity at 63 per cent.

The Royal Observatory reported this morning that the anticyclone now covers China and the neighbouring seas, and has increased in intensity. A depression is moving eastward across Hokkaido.

Local forecast: North winds, fresh; fair.

ANOTHER TRUCE DENIAL

Barcelona, To-day.

The Spanish Premier, Senor Juan Negrin, yesterday again emphatically denied foreign press reports of truce negotiations with General Franco through a third power. — Trans-Ocean.

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PRICKED BALLOON

Even advance warnings that earnest resolutions condemning Japan would constitute the full extent of action by the Powers in the Far Eastern crisis, fail to diminish the shock of the frank admission of the failure of the Brussels Conference. Unless a change of heart takes place between now and 3 p.m. G.M.T. today, the Conference will be suspended "to allow time for an exchange of views and to explore methods of bringing about a peaceful settlement." The Powers, in other words, are to sit back on the side-lines and, while sympathising with China, see exactly how far Japan is prepared to go. The attitude is so easy to attack that it seems scarcely worth the while. The issue cannot be put more pertinently than it was by Dr. Wellington Koo when he asked: Do you really believe that simple declarations of principles and the highest professions of faith in the pledged word will be sufficient to make one and the other observed and respected in the world? After clearly and emphatically establishing the difference in law between the policy of Japan and China in the present conflict, do you still wish to make no distinction in fact in your treatment of them, between the aggressor and the victim, as your refusal to cease contributing to Japan's material and economic resources for continuing aggression against China would seem to indicate? There can be no two ways of looking at it. There is the situation in its plainest terms. Happier would China be if every Power stood so completely aloof as is implied in the Neutrality Act of the United States. That at least denies the supply of war materials to either parties to a conflict. Decision to play helpless and do nothing, on the other hand, is tantamount to declaring sympathy with the weaker side while actively assisting the other. By the power of her navy, Japan seriously restricts China's ability to meet her foe in the economic field. Britain, France and the United

States, in maintaining the other side of the balance, are enabling Japan to supply Japan with the petrol which enables her to bomb Chinese cities, with materials to make bombs, and shells for naval guns: the sum total of such supplies representing something in the region of 75 per cent of her ability to wage war upon China for any length of time.

Japan recently has more or less put the position in this way: If you supply China with the materials enabling her to resist, we shall regard it as an unfriendly act requiring immediate reprisals; if you refuse to supply us with the materials enabling us to wage effective war on China, we shall regard it as an equally unfriendly act requiring equally speedy reprisals.

A French delegate shrugs his shoulders, metaphorically, and says: Dr. Koo is uncontrovertible but what can we do? All the Powers assembled at Brussels, with the so-called "Big Three" dominating the proceedings, place themselves upon the same tragic footing. We condemn Japanese aggression, they say in effect, but circumstances prevent us from taking any action, even such as would enable us to remove ourselves from the accusation of assisting in that aggression.

There has been shocking hypocrisy about the whole business. If time were needed for an exchange of views, for an exploration of methods to meet the existing situation, that time should have been taken before the calling of a Conference. There, indeed, lies the real ground for unreserved condemnation. Unless the Powers were prepared to adopt a common attitude in action, the Nine-Power Conference should never have been called. Complete indifference would have shown the signatories in a happier light than a gathering in protest to miserably subside like a pricked balloon.

Broadcasting and Drink

Common kindness inclines one to hope that those responsible for the arrangement of wireless broadcasting programmes are not so acutely sensitive to criticism that their enjoyment of life is devastated. For criticism pours in upon them abundantly. The latest sin charged against the B.B.C., for instance, is that they prostitute their microphones to propaganda by the brewers. Mr. R. Wilson Black spoke indignantly on this subject at the annual meeting of the United Kingdom Alliance, the temperance organisation of which he is president. He said that many complaints had been made recently by listeners against references to drink in the broadcasts, and he referred particularly to a talk of Sir Edgar Sanders's on the "Merits of beer," which concluded with the popular laudation "Beer, beer, glorious beer." It must be assumed that the complaint of the Alliance is not baseless, and probably the best way of coping with the grievance is that suggested at the meeting of vigilant listening and prompt complaint where necessary. At the same time it must be recognised that drinking is intimately woven into national traditions of joviality and good living, and it is extremely difficult in popular entertainment to keep the subject of drink out entirely.

TANKS BOGGED IN SWAMPS OF KIANGYIN

Japanese Advance In Check On All Fronts SEVEREST FIGHTING TO SOUTH OF TAIHU LAKE UNAVAILING ATTACKS ON WUSIH

Shanghai, To-day.

While Japanese troops are still fruitlessly battering at the gates of Wusih, their only point of progress is apparently along the south side of Taihu Lake, where a fierce battle which started only yesterday morning is still raging.

The entire territory along the eastern side of Taihu Lake, from Wusih in the north to Wushing in the south, has now fallen into the hands of the Japanese, but the broadening of operations has been so rapid that their supply department has not been able to cope with the situation.—Trans-Ocean.

The bombardment of Kiangyin by Japanese warships and artillery, which ceased last night, was resumed with greater force early this morning.

The Chinese are holding out without apparent difficulty despite the severe hammering which has been dealt out for the last four days.

The fiercest battle between the two forces, however, is reported to be going on north-west of Wushing, which fell into the hands of the Japanese two days ago.

The Japanese are endeavouring to take Changhing.—Our Own Correspondent.

JAPANESE BOMB CANTON CITY

Canton, To-day.

Five giant Japanese planes roared over Canton at 10.45 this morning.

The raiders were greeted by anti-aircraft fire, and although no hit appeared to be registered, the shells burst particularly close to their objectives and at least had the effect of breaking up the Japanese formation.

A cloudy sky favoured the invaders who later disappeared to the south.

One Chinese source states that 17 Japanese planes were sighted over Chekwai earlier this morning, but this is not yet confirmed.—Reuter.

N.E. CITY BOMBED

Our Own Correspondent adds that considerable loss of life is feared as many bombs were dropped by the raiders in the north-east sector of the city.

The Japanese also bombed Honan Island, opposite Shameen, on which tremors were distinctly felt as the missiles exploded.

Seventeen planes, according to one report, participated in Kwangtung raids, none of them being hit by Chinese anti-aircraft fire, although the latter proved to be

IMPORTANCE OF STRUGGLE

Shanghai, To-day.

Important concentrations of troops north and south of Taihu Lake demonstrate the importance attached by both parties to the struggle in this region.

It is stated that the Chinese have concentrated about 300,000 men north of the lake, and some 200,000 on the southern bank, in spite of incessant bombing attacks by the enemy air force.

STOUT RESISTANCE

The Japanese advance to the north of the lake has come to a standstill, partly owing to the stout Chinese resistance, and partly to the terrible weather conditions, which have led to bogging of numerous tanks.

Chinese reports say that the Japanese advance south of Kiangyin, on the Yangtse, has been checked, and that the Japanese are still several miles from Wusih, at the northern end of Taihu Lake.

International circles here state that the concentration of large masses of Japanese troops before Wusih indicates the imminence of a large-scale attack on the town.—Trans-Ocean.

MAJOR BATTLE

Shanghai, To-day.

A major battle is looming in the Taihu Lake area as the Chinese are reported to have assembled a great army of nearly 500,000 men in order to stem the Japanese advance around this huge water which separates the two avenues of approach to Nanking.

Meanwhile the Chinese claim that the Japanese troops are meeting with strong resistance in their drive on Wusih, and state that in spite of a sanguinary battle which has been raging for more than 48 hours, the Chinese are still holding their positions five miles east of Wusih.

The defence line held by the Chinese runs on a curve between Kiangyin and Haiyen.

Chinese sources admit the situation in the neighbourhood of Chappoo and Pingyin in Eastern Chekiang, is critical, but declare the Chinese reinforcements are rushing to the scene, and are confident they will be able to prevent disaster.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI OFFICIALS TOE THE LINE

Shanghai, To-day.

Following "unofficial advice" from the International Settlement police, five leading Chinese newspapers in Shanghai are suspending publication immediately.

The Chinese official news agency is also ceasing to function in Shanghai.—Reuter.

"SOVIET PLANE" STORY DOUBTFUL

Shanghai, To-day.

Reports that Japanese armies attacking Nanking and Chaochiai aerodrome (Hozan), had fought Chinese aviators flying Soviet planes, were the subject of questions put at the daily Japanese press conference here yesterday.

AMOY FEARS OF INVASION REVIVED

Canton, To-day.

"Three divisions of Formosan troops are standing by somewhere along the south-western coast of Formosa, awaiting orders to invade the China coast," declares a report from Amoy yesterday evening.

It is believed in military circles here that the Japanese may attempt to capture Amoy if they occupy Hangchow.

Meanwhile, the garrison at Amoy is being considerably strengthened by troops from the interior, under commanders from Kwangtung, while scouting planes from the Canton Air Force are being sent out hourly to report on the movements of Japanese warships.—Our Own Correspondent.

The Japanese military attaché replied that there was no official confirmation of the reports, and added that the Chinese machines in question were probably built after the model of the American Boeing plane.—Trans-Ocean.

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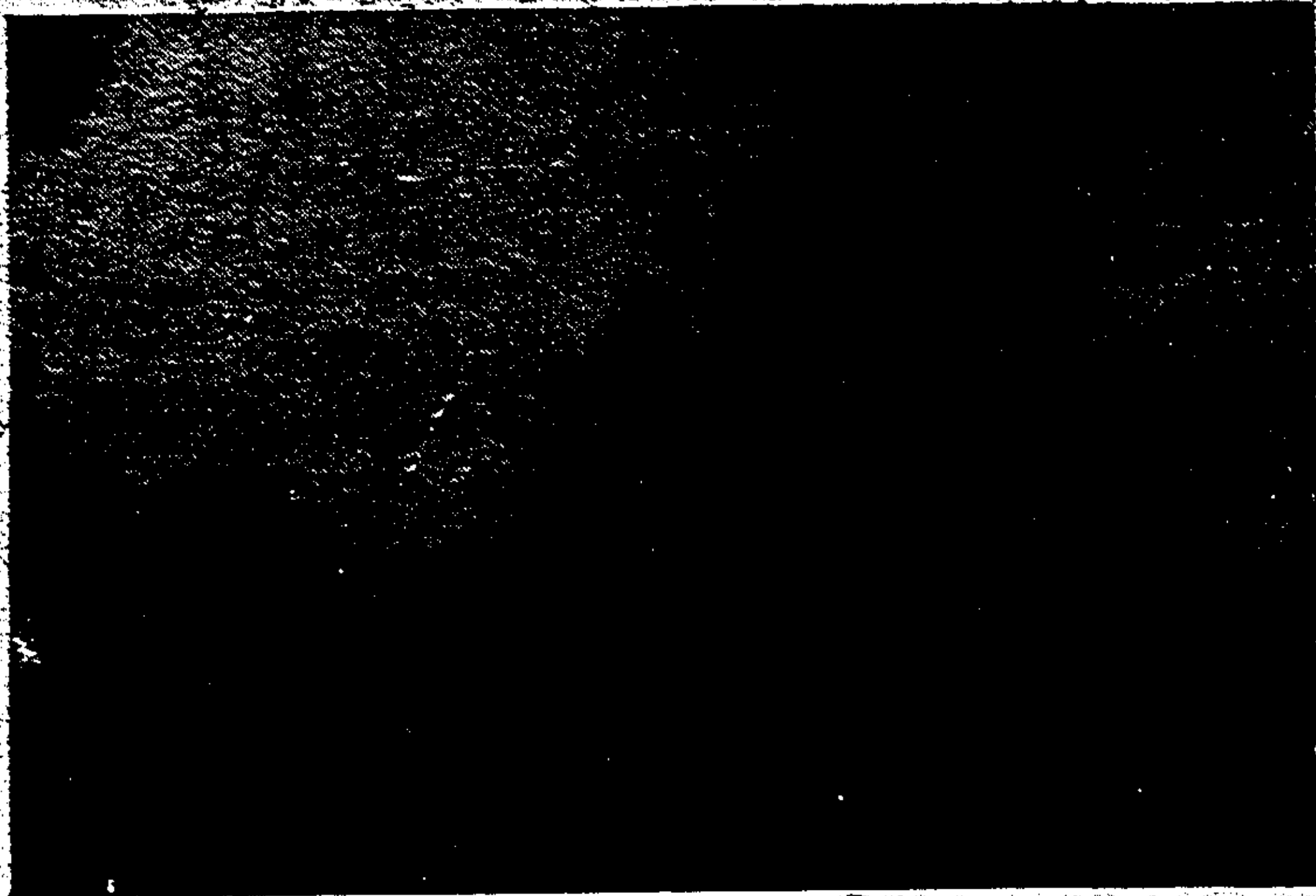
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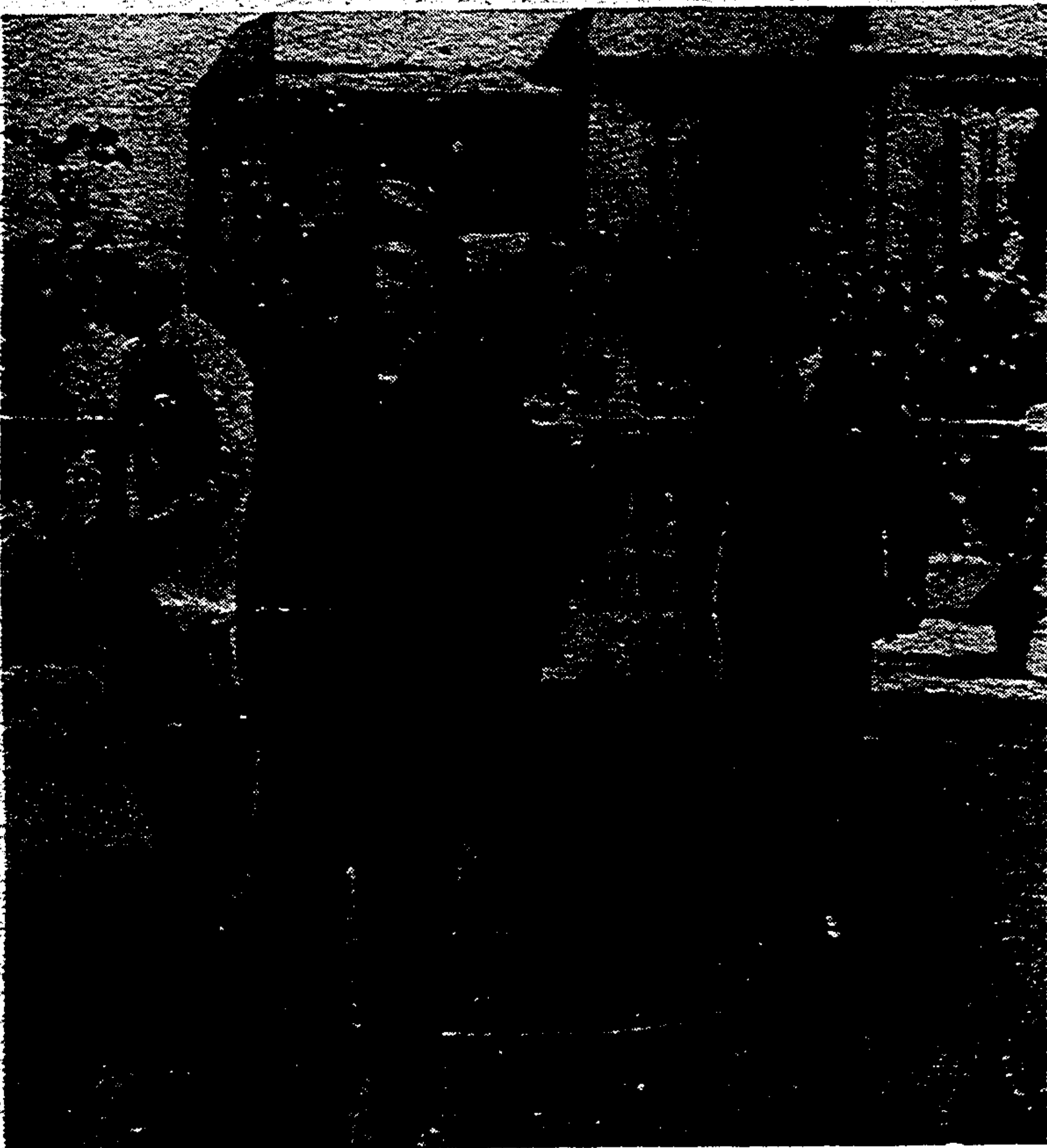
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A scene which though familiar to Shanghaianders until recently, still tells a tale of the horror which followed Japanese bombing and shelling of the native areas of Shanghai. (Photo: F. C. Millington).



The Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, arriving at the Queen's College prize-giving. ("Mail" photo).

Resisting "Rise Of Japan"

Tokyo, To-day.

"Britain is the real though camouflaged enemy of Japan." This is the main theme of the anti-British resolution passed at the mass meeting held at Hibiya Park and presided over by Mr. Hijiyo Yamamoto, a prominent member of the Seiyukai Party.

The resolution declares: "While Japan is engaged in a crusade against pro-Communism and anti-Japanism in China, in order to secure peace in the Far East, the British are actively trying to undermine the effort merely to safeguard their monopolistic rights and interests which have been secured illegally in the course of years, by hindering the rise of Japan and supporting the Chiang Kai-shek Government which is near to collapse."

BRITAIN'S ACTIVITIES

The resolution then alleges that Britain is violating neutrality by carrying on an anti-Japanese campaign in order to incite the world against Japan, and by assisting China financially as well as through the delivery of war materials. Britain, the resolution asserts, has done everything in her power to exert pressure on Japan, by attempting to bring the United States into an anti-Japanese front, by mobilising the League of Nations and by her activities in the conference at Brussels.

"DRASTIC MEASURES"

"The Japanese people, therefore, are compelled to take drastic measures against 'the hidden enemy' who is supporting the anti-Japanese movement in China and furthering the Bolshevisation of China in order to satisfy her own greed to the

detriment of peace in the Far East." The resolution demands that an end be made immediately to the pro-British tendency which the Japanese Government has been pursuing for many years.—Trans-Ocean

FRANCO'S FIRST OFFICIAL AGENT IN LONDON

London, To-day.

The Duke of Alba has been appointed first agent in London for General Franco's Government in connection with the recent agreement between Britain and the Nationalist authorities for an exchange of agents. The Duke has been General Franco's unofficial representative in London for some time.—Reuter.

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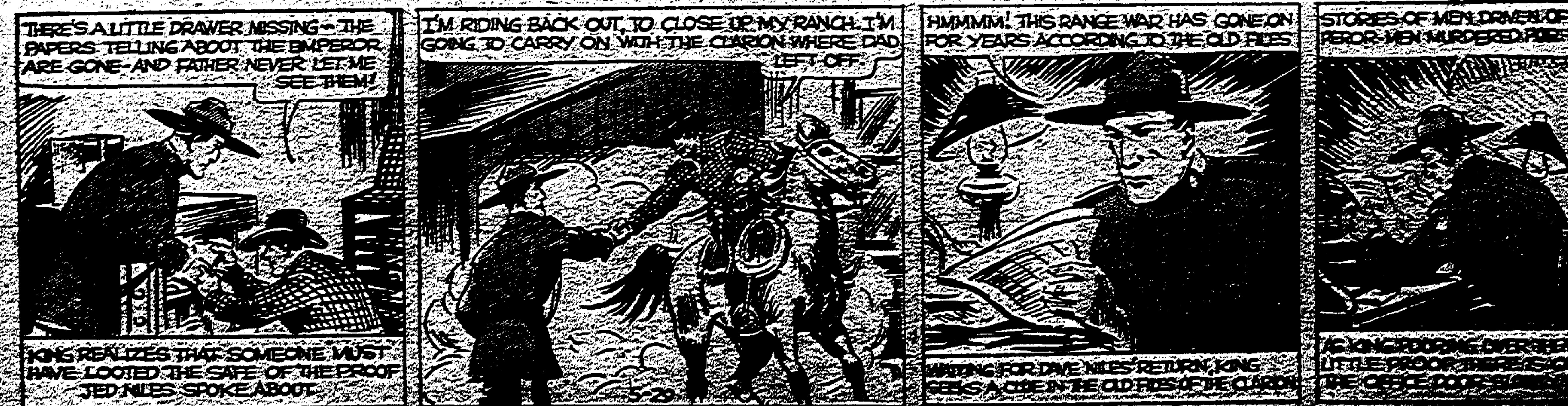
London, To-day.

Appointment of the Duke of Alba as Franco agent in London is greeted with approval by British Government circles. The appointment is regarded as a victory for those Spanish Nationalist circles advocating a moderately conservative, and to a certain extent, a pro-British policy.—Trans-Ocean

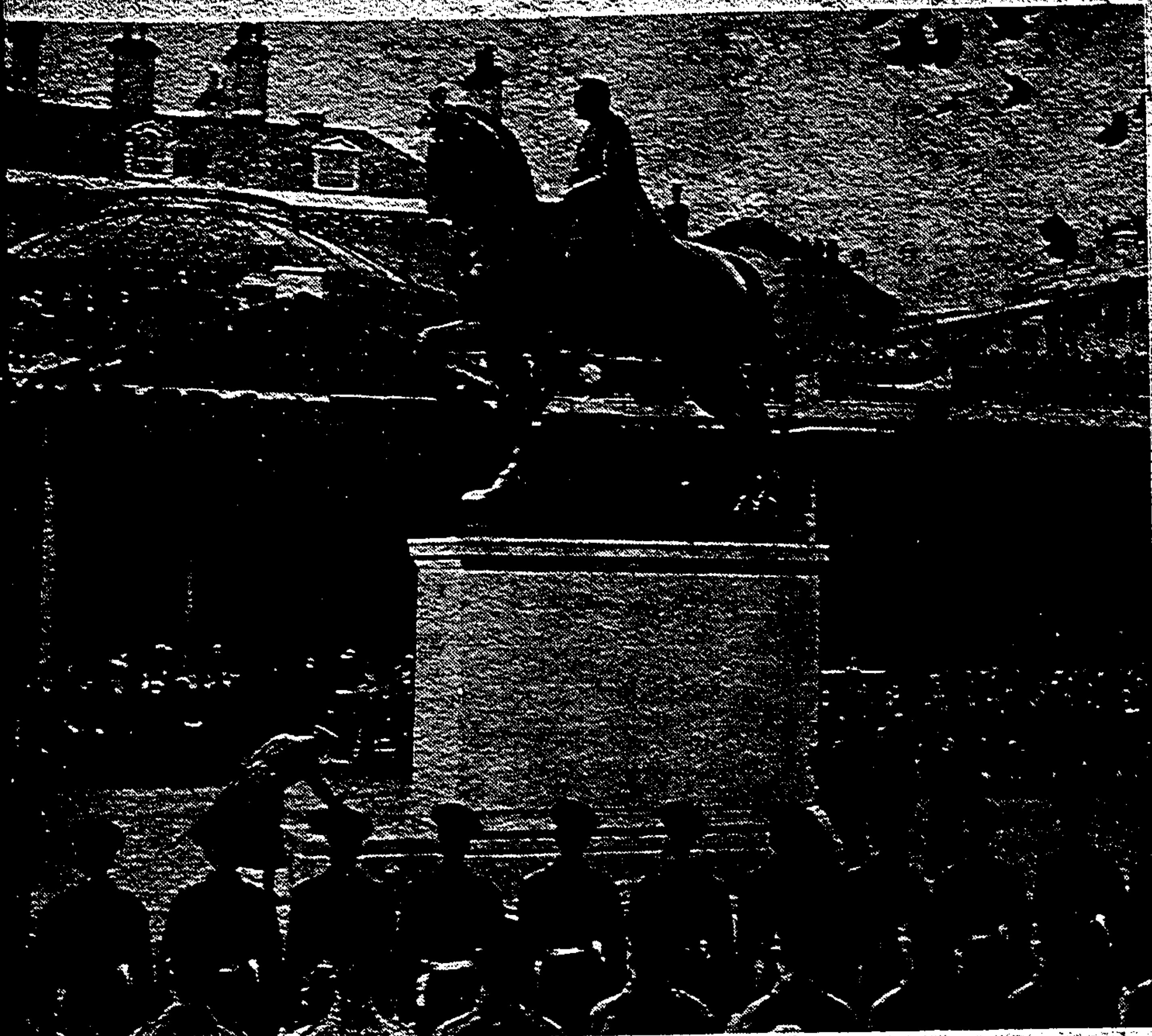
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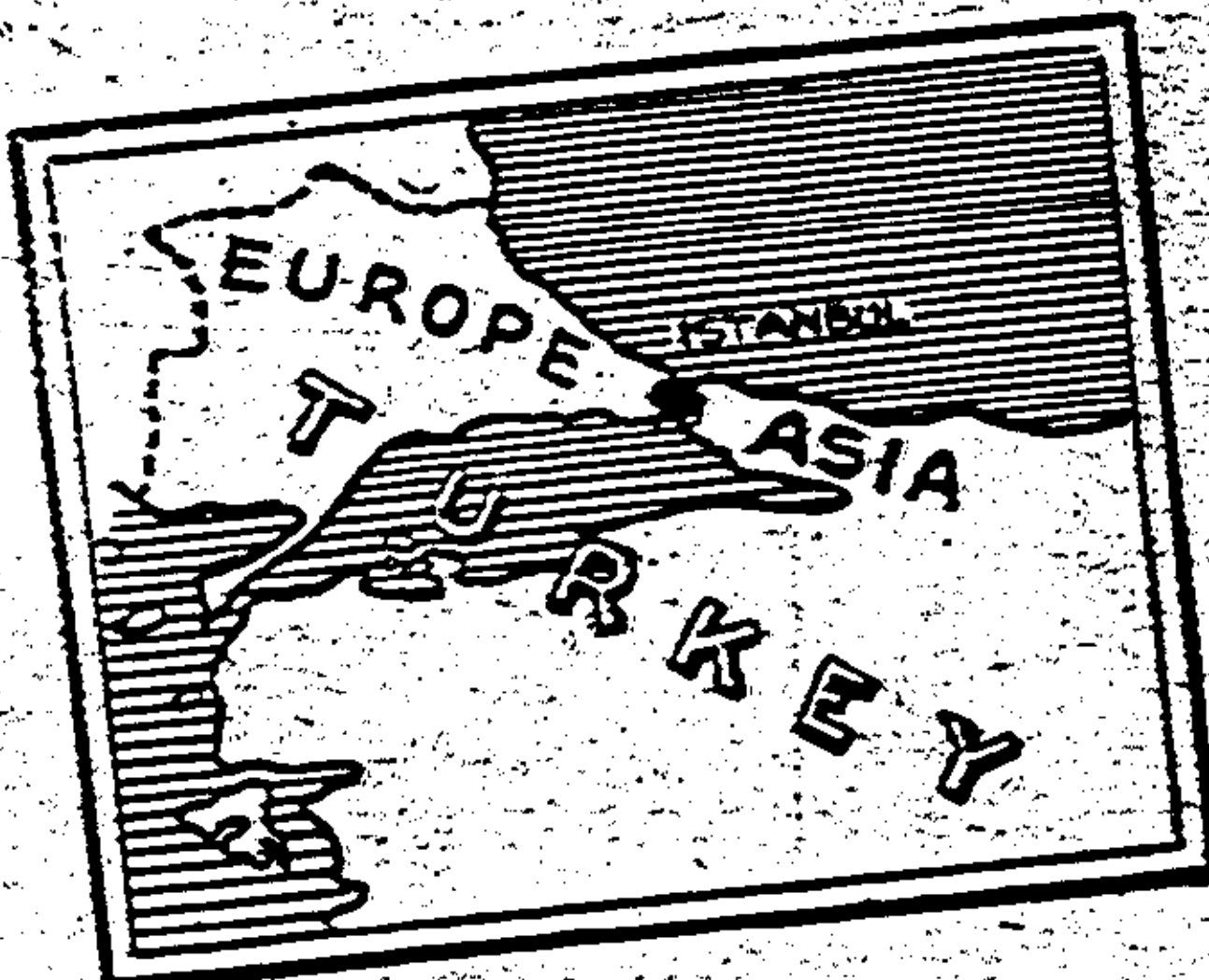
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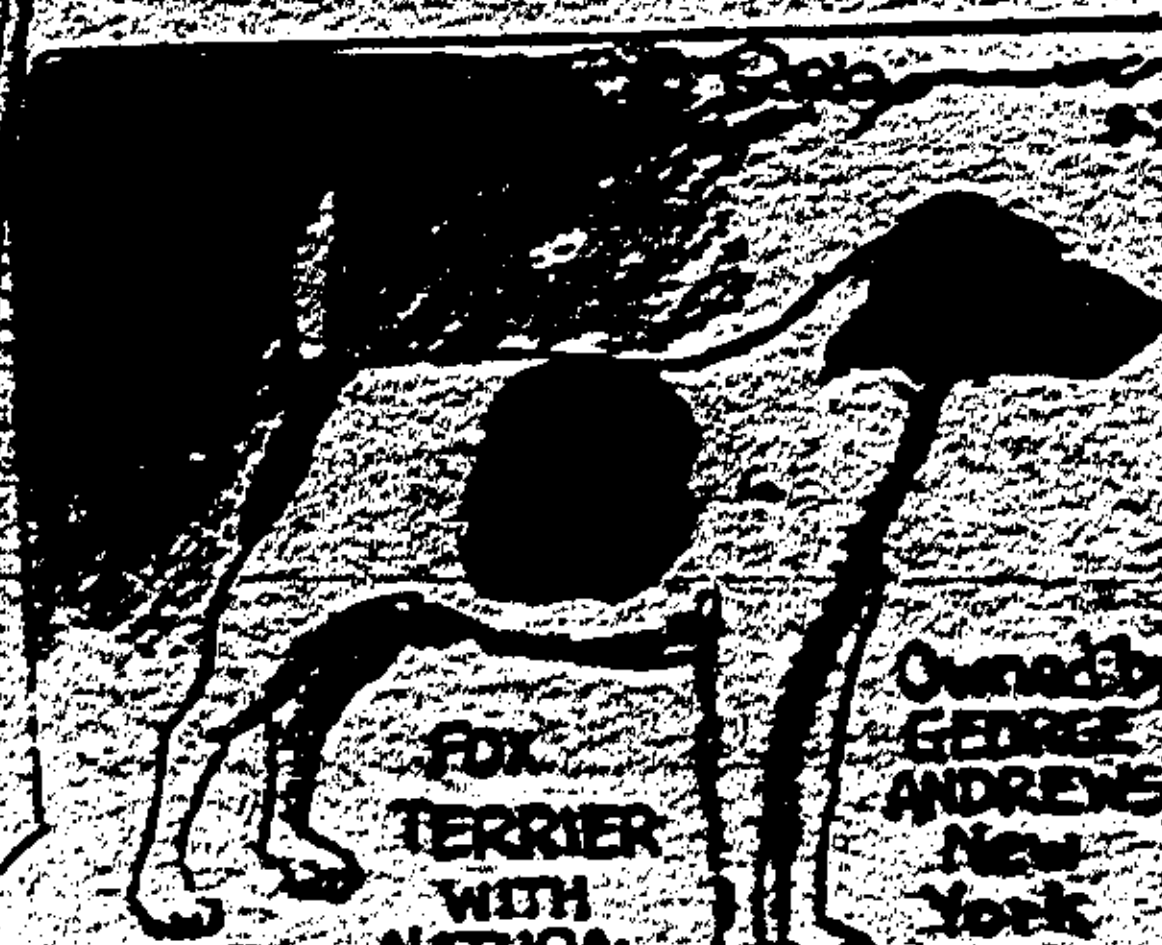
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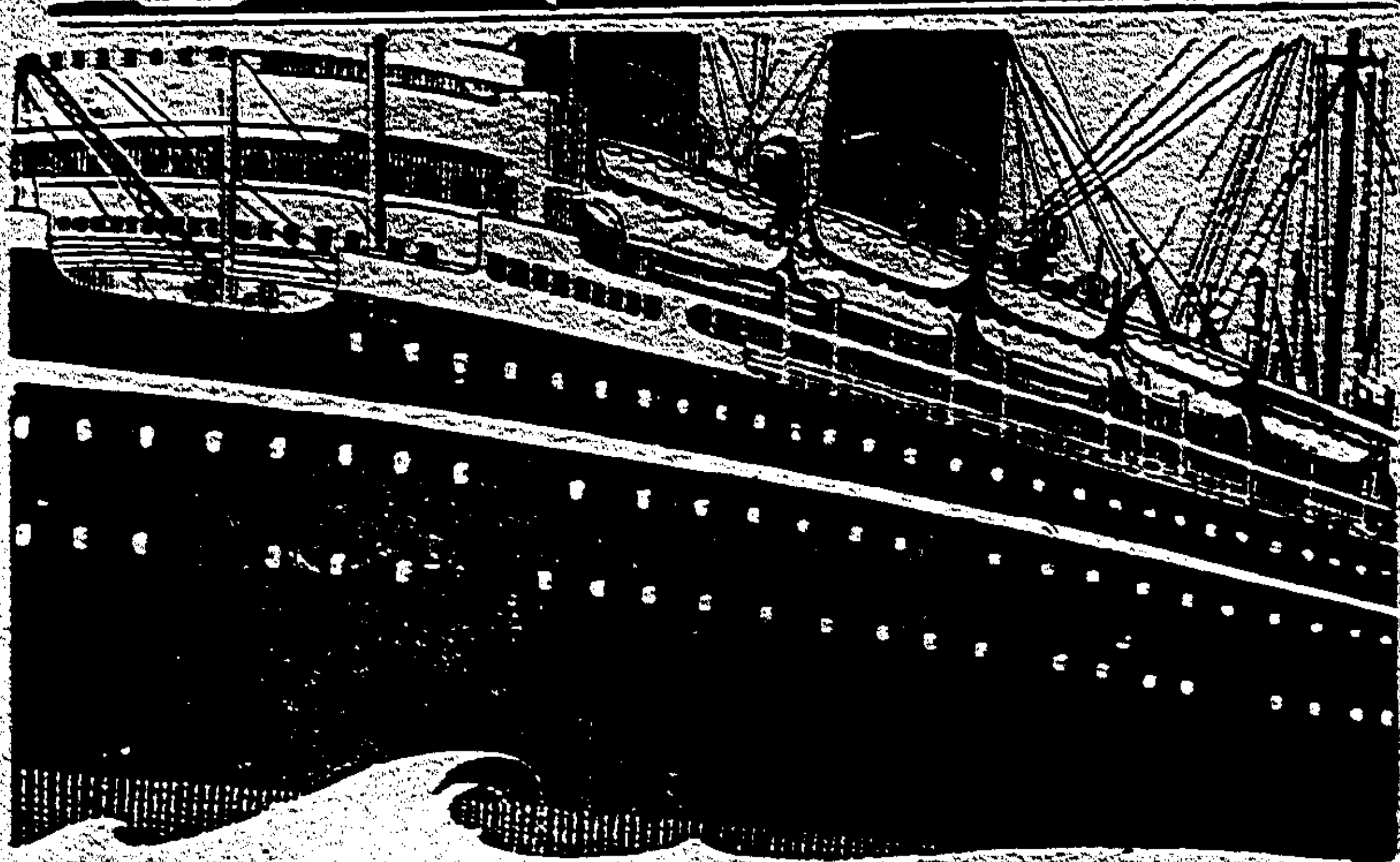
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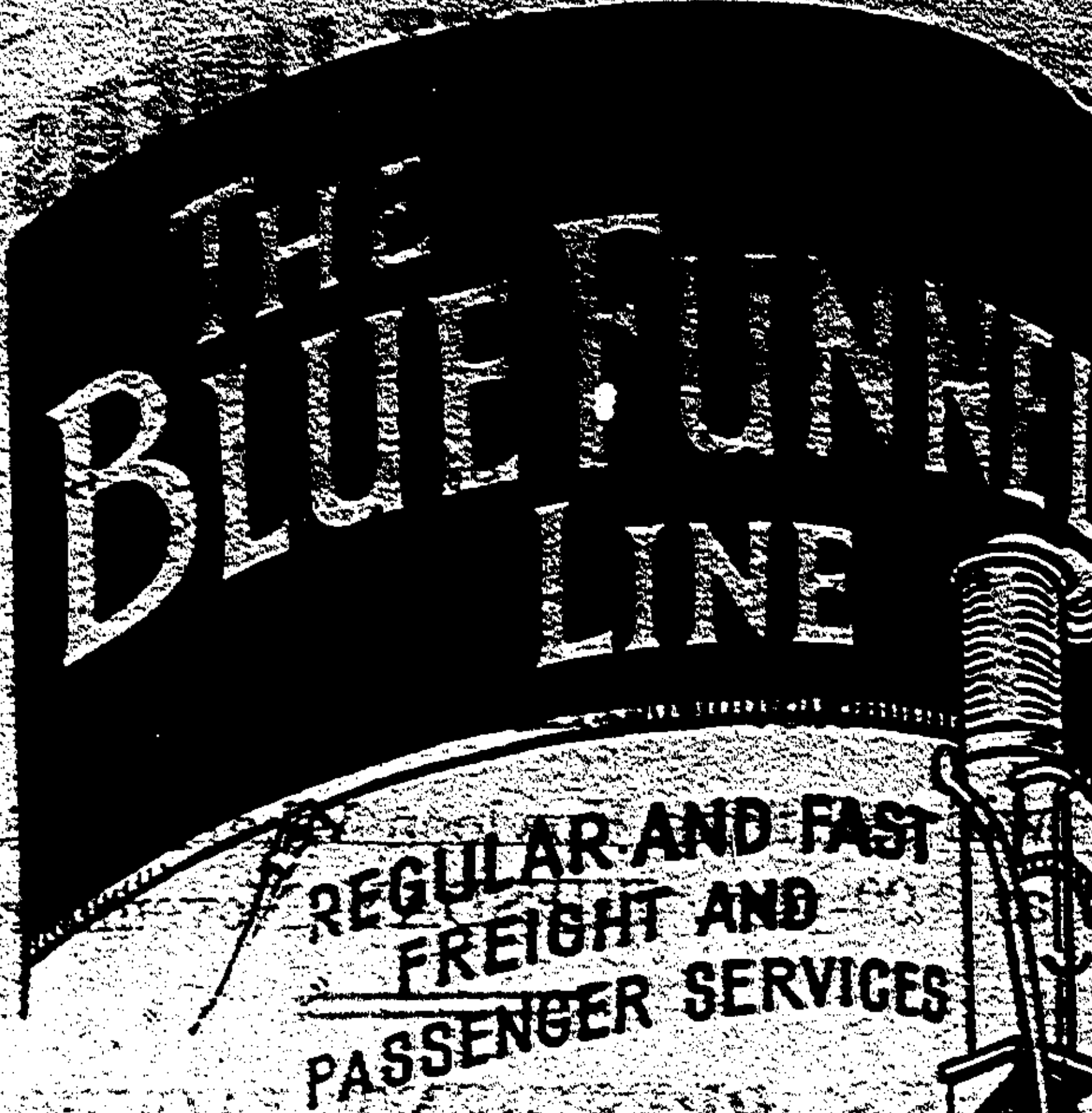
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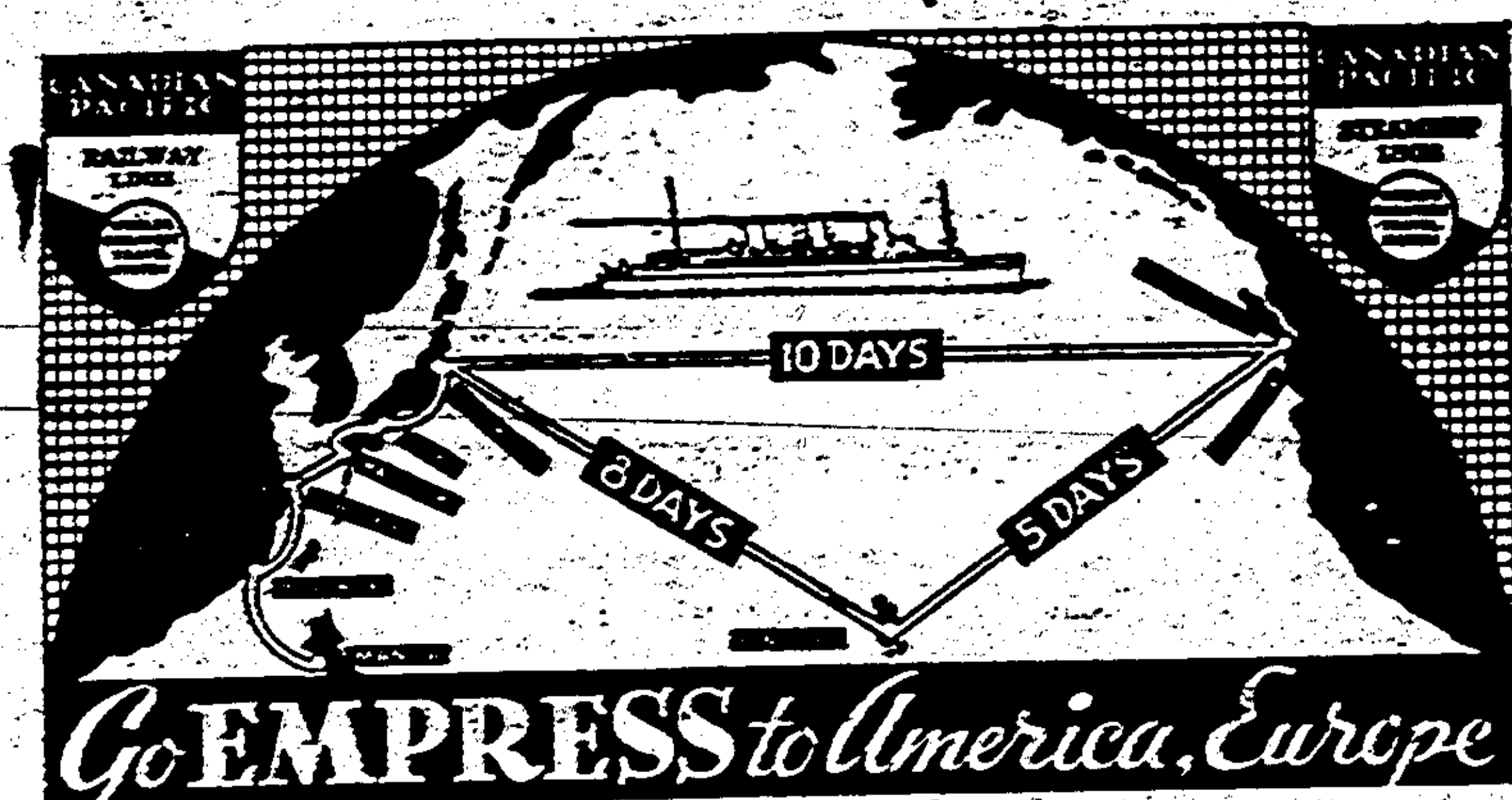
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FRENCH CONCESSION TO GERMANY DENIED

Paris, To-day.

THE inter-colonial service report in which it was reportedly stated that the French Government is prepared to examine the possibility of opening German credits to French colonial public bodies, with a view to purchase of material in Germany to be repaid in the form of annuities in the form of colonial products, is discounted by a high official of the Ministry of Colonies.

The official said there was no new official plan to encourage German trade with French colonies.

The communique issued by the inter-colonial service was not officially approved by the Ministry of the Colonies, and the proposal mentioned therein was merely an old suggestion for encouraging barter between Germany and the French colonies.

PAPER CREDITS

It was incorrect to say there was any question of Germany granting financial credits to public bodies in French colonies, though they might be paper credits to be paid for ultimately in goods.

In Berlin, competent German and French quarters assured Reuter yesterday that the question of German credits to public bodies in French colonies had never been raised.

BUSINESS LINES

Business circles in the German capital stated that credits were re-

peatedly given for financing works by big German firms abroad or carrying out barter transactions, but there were purely on business lines.

Reuter.

IMPROVEMENT IN DEMAND FOR WOLFRAM

London, To-day.

Following the recent depression the London wolfram market yesterday developed an improved tendency.

Buyers appeared for shipment and affloat at 62/6 to 65/- compared with 60/- previously.

The improvement is attributed to reports that consumers are short of supplies, while it is rumoured that Germany, who sold between 400 and 500 tons of her "war chest" stocks during the summer boom, is now starting to cover, at the same time requiring delivery before the year-end.

Inquiry from France and Sweden also helped to bring about a stronger tone, while rumours are also current that Russia has uncovered beyond the year-end and may re-enter the market for further supplies.—Reuter.

LOCAL SHARE

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning:

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RECREIO'S ASTONISHING FAILURES

BAD WICKET WRECKING BATSMEN'S CONFIDENCE ABBAS BOWLS WELL FOR INDIAN R.C.

SATURDAY'S CRICKET REVIEWED

(By "ADREM")

DESPITE the calls of Volunteer Camps, with the resultant depletion in teams, an interesting programme of friendly cricket games was played over the week-end.

LEADING MIDDLESEX REGIMENT BATSMEN CONTINUE TO SHOW EXCELLENT FORM WITH THE BAT, LT. WEEDEN AND SGT. PARTRIDGE AGAIN MAKING RUNS, THIS TIME AT THE K.C.C. WHERE THE BAT WAS IN COMPLETE DOMINANCE OVER THE BALL, ONLY EIGHT WICKETS FALLING IN THE COURSE OF THE AFTERNOON, FOR OVER 300 RUNS.

Recreio senior eleven took the spotlight—in unenviable circumstances—by being dismissed for the lowest total of the day, namely, 32 against the Indians. Fluctuation in their form, from one week to another, has proved to be one of the big puzzles of the present season and to forecast the result of any of their games is about as easy as spotting the winning number in the Irish Sweep.

BATTING WEAKNESS

Their fielding and attack appear to be solid enough and they did very well to dismiss the much-improved I. R. C. batsmen for only 107 runs—about 50 less than any other team this season, so far as I can recollect—it's their batting that almost invariably lets them down.

True, they did very well against the Army at Sookunpoo, because, I think, Rodrigues came off, but thereafter have failed badly on every occasion. Being fortunate enough to watch most of their innings last Saturday and quite a goodly portion the previous week, I formed an opinion which I think, just about lays a finger on the main cause of the failure of their best batsmen.

Their wicket is absolutely atrocious. Whatever the type of bowler, be he fast, slow or medium, whether he specialises in spin or swing, the pitch is liable to make the ball do all sorts of funny things. I have seen successive deliveries shoot, shoot again, kick head high, kick chest high and turn away to the off at right angles, and, I warrant, the bowler had as little knowledge of what was going to happen as did the batsman.

SAFETY FIRST!

No one can make runs under those conditions. Batting devolves into an occupation, main task of which, is to keep oneself from being taken off to hospital. I have seen more than one player, meet with injuries, more or less serious and certainly painful and that sort of thing is not conducive to batting as laid down by the book.

Unless the Recreio authorities do something about their wicket, and do it quickly, their batsmen are certain to go from bad to worse and these conditions are going to ruin a side which has every appearance, on paper, of making a heap of runs.

Appropos this subject, the question will naturally be raised

"Should not the visiting team have even more difficulty in scoring runs?"

"IGNORANCE IS BLISS"

On the face of it they should, but again that matter of confidence. I know I shall not be very popular with Recreio batsmen when I say that half of them are scared out before they are actually in, whereas in the case of visitors, there is a sporting chance of making quite a few runs before realising how really dangerous the wicket is. In other words "Ignorance is bliss!"

I was pleased to see E. M. L. Soares come off with the ball. He is still very young with every prospect of steady improvement, especially as he has been well grounded. He bowls slow left-hand spinners and when he has learned to control his length, should take a heap more wickets. A. M. Prata also bowled very steadily for Recreio, while for the I. R. C., Minu and Abbas bowled unchanged to capture 4 for 10 and 6 for 21 respectively.

ABBAS'S PROMISE

We all know Minu's capabilities as a bowler—but Abbas proved quite an eye-opener. He bowls a fast medium, right-handed delivery which comes through very fast and, on Saturday anyway, kept an amazingly fine length. He was no doubt assisted by the wicket but he nevertheless gives every indication of developing into just the man I. R. C. need so badly now that Frank Pereira is no longer in the Colony.

Bowlers had a sorry time at Cox's Road, where the Kowloon Cricket Club met the Army. The home team, owing to the calls of Volunteer Camp, were sadly depleted in strength but yet managed to maintain their reputation as a batting side.

LAY AND MCKENZIE

Their two most dependable bats, Ernie Fincher and G. F. O'Brien, failed badly and it was left to Arthur Lay and W. L. McKenzie to add 84 runs and change, somewhat the complexion of the game. Lay batted very nicely, and as far as I can ascertain, gave no perceptible chance. I gather from the fact that he only found the boundary on 10 occasions in a score of 61, that he was more than usually painstaking, although his six into the Children's Playground was typical of his form of two seasons ago. McKenzie played a captain's



A member of the last Shanghai cricket team to visit Hong Kong, J. S. H. Leckie is now in the Colony and turned out for the H.K.C.C. last Saturday.

innings and Baxter went in shortly before four with instructions to play the unfamiliar role of hitter. When stumps were drawn with the score at 152, these two were still together and had scored, respectively, 38 and 29.

ARMY BOWLING GOOD

I am told that the Army bowling was extraordinarily accurate and that Hatfield, Godby and Partridge bowled very well indeed. Partridge appears to be quite a useful all-rounder, while Hatfield bowls a fastish leg-break and is extremely awkward to play.

Chief interest in the C. S. C. C. H. K. C. C. game at the Valley, was the appearance of J. S. H. Leckie, the Shanghai Interporter. He did not meet with very much success, however, scoring only 6 runs and taking no wickets. Scoring was very low and very slow. Club were all dismissed for 128, McLellan 5 for 47 and Barrow 2 for 7, and Civil Service, at close of play, had scored only 78 with four wickets down. Holden, who is shortly to leave for home, captured three of these for only 21.

Craigengower were very fortunate to draw with the Navy at King's Park. Navy, thanks to useful contributions by A. B. Smith, Skelton, Carless and Robinson, declared at 181 with four wickets in hand and, when stumps were drawn, C. C. C. with only three wickets intact, were still over 80 runs in arrears.

SECOND DIVISION

In the Second Division, a strong Gunner eleven easily beat I. R. C. juniors. Bloomfield and Hedden were largely instrumental in dismissing the Indians for the poor score of 70 and Lt. Ingram and Lt. Hook then set about the bowling in no uncertain manner and carried the score to over the 100 mark, when they both retired. Ingram hit 13 boundaries in his 62, while Hook found the ropes on eight occasions in compiling 37.

The junior teams of the Navy and Craigengower played an interesting game on the latter's ground. Thanks to a strongly wagging tail, Navy totalled 182 despite fine bowling by B. R. Iranee. 72 by F. J. Lay, the D. B. S. skipper, and 27 by A. M. Omar, and Craigengower were only 25 runs behind when their last wicket fell. Leonard and Extras, apart from the two above-mentioned, were the only other double-figure scorers. Jeffery bowled in his usual consistent manner to take 4 for 29.

University and Recreio were featured in a drawn game at Pokfulam in which scoring on both sides was very low.

INTER-SOCIETY GOLF MATCH

Official Correction

The R.H.K.G.C. notify that it appears that the correct score in the Inter-Societies' Golf match last Sunday leaves a margin in favour of St. Andrews of 27½ points.

W. Park and C. W. Jeffries dropped out by mutual arrangement, and the single point credited to the former for a walk over in the singles, and two points credited to him and his partner for a walk over, in the fourball, have been cancelled.

In the last Adamson Cup Competition the score of H. N. Moran 86-24-62, was overlooked, and this is the winning score for November.

GOLF CORRECTION

In Monday's detailed report of the Inter-Society Golf match held at Fanning on Sunday, we regret the error in the heading reading "Englishmen Only Secure 15½ Points. This should have read 25½ points.—Sports Ed.

LADIES' LAWN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Miss Rose Perry Beats Miss Tylor

With the exception of one match in the Singles championship, all the first round ties in this and the Doubles tournament for the Ladies' Tennis Championships of the Colony have been completed.

The following are the results:

OPEN DOUBLES

First Round

Mrs. Rice-Evans and Miss Griffiths beat Miss J. Smalley and Mrs. Whitlam 6-1, 6-1.

OPEN SINGLES

First Round

Mrs. K. B. Holmes beat Mrs. T. Shirley 6-1, 6-1.

Mrs. O. Oliver beat Mrs. G. R. Pengelly 6-1, 6-4.

Mrs. Marmont beat Miss J. L. Smith 9-7, 4-6, 6-0.

Miss M. Griffiths beat Mrs. D. W. Wagstaff 6-0, 6-1.

Mrs. S. Mills received a walk-over from Miss V. Prince.

Miss R. Perry beat Miss Tylor.

EAGLE'S RUGBY VICTORY

In a friendly Rugby game at Canseway Bay yesterday, H.M.S. Eagle beat H.M.S. Tamar by a goal, a penalty goal and a try (11 points) to a try (3 points); Elliot, the former England stand-off half, being in the limelight in initiating several splendid movements in addition to scoring a try which he converted and kicking a penalty goal. Cronin scored the Aircraft Carrier's other try, while Sharman replied for the Tamar.

SCHOOL SOCCER

Fielding a La Salle College team from Classes 3 and 4, were defeated by the Ellis Kadoorie Indian School two goals to one in a friendly game.

A. A. Fipe scores both goals for Ellis Kadoorie's while Le Man-chum netted for La Salle.

BOSTOCK KNOCKS OUT BIQUET

Tiny Bostock, of Leek, knocked out Petit Biquet, of Belgium, in the sixth of a 12-round contest at Leicester.

RUGBY THEORIES SHOULD BE ADAPTED TO THE PLAYERS

How Opinions Can Differ On Fundamental Principle Of Attack

(By HOWARD MARSHALL)

London, October 20.

"TELL me now," said the eminent observer, "why did the Oxford backs run away from their passes?" I was not prepared for the question. I had not, let me admit, the slightest idea what it meant. It was as if a hungry man, weighing in his mind the relative merits of a pork pie and a rump steak, had been asked his considered opinion of Beethoven's Second Symphony.

I WAS THINKING OF OTHER THINGS—A TACKLE HERE, A RUN THERE, A FORWARD RUSH WHICH SET THE PULSES STIRRING, A CHANCE WELL TAKEN, A CHALLENGE STOUTLY ANSWERED, AN AVERAGE CLUB MATCH, IN SHORT, AND BEHIND IT THE GLIMPSE OF AUTUMN TREES AND THE GREEN TURE UPON WHICH THE CONFUSED PATTERNS STILL MOVED IN RECOLLECTION.

These memories should have been enough. I doubt whether Rugby football holds much more. It just happens that, as reasoning animals, we can stretch the game out on an operating table and dissect it.

Certainly the question about running away from passes was both interesting and shrewd. I thought of Bourne, the Oxford stand-off half, swinging inwards at the last moment, away from the direction in which he was about to pass, attempting to straighten the attack.

ADRIAN STOOP'S THEORY
Running away from the player about to receive the ball, that was it. A favourite theory of Adrian Stoop's. The swing inwards by the stand-off half checks the tendency to run across, forces the centres to run straight, threatens the opposition with a cut through, and possibly draws at least one defender out of position.

The argument is plausible, but there are those who disagree with it violently. By swinging away from your supporting player you force him to check his speed, since he must momentarily lose sight of the ball and be uncertain of the angle or direction of your pass. The split second is thus wasted and the attack fatally delayed.

ONLY WAY
The only way, say these critics, to maintain the essential whip-lash speed of attack while straightening it out is for the player who is to receive the pass to run into it, and thus increase his pace.

Adrian Stoop would reply, I do not doubt, that his theory is sound, but the practice of it generally faulty. To swerve to the right and pass to the left is no easy matter, as a moment's experiment will prove.

RESTRICTING GENIUS
Here, at any rate, we have a difference of opinion on a fundamental principle of attack. Our tendency is to decide upon a theory and attempt to apply it to a team. The result is often to misdirect the natural abilities of a player and reduce him to unwilling mediocrity.

Rugby football of the highest class must ultimately depend upon the genius of individual players. Theoretical generalisations are useless. Adrian Stoop was able to put his theories magnificently into practice, but that does not prove that they should be universally applied.

YES, HOW CAN THEY?

Stoop himself, W. J. A. Davies, Eddie Myers and Cliff Jones—there are four great stand-off halves, each with his own method of attack. The swift audacities of Stoop, the smooth constructive skill of Davies, the sudden slashing run of Myers, the jinking brilliance of Jones—how can these variations on a theme be subordinated to one particular theory?

To swing away or not to swing is hardly a question which can be decided in committee. I think the criticism that Oxford were slowed down by their attempts to straighten the attack was justified, but this may have been due to lack of practice or experience.

Cambridge, at any rate, will not be weighed down by theories, unless I am much mistaken. C. D. Laborde last year bequeathed to them a legacy of sound scrummaging, which they doubtless cherish. After that it will be clean healing, fast passing from the scrum, and the instinctive dash of Bruce Lockhart, Roden and Forrest, three exceptionally quick mid-field players.

ADAPTATION OF IDEAS

I submit, in short, that theories should be adapted to players, and not players to theories. Only the other day I was reading a contemporary account of the great Scottish forwards who won such renown some 60 years ago. They were big, raw-boned men, said the writer, of no particular intelligence. Their tactics were extremely simple. They concentrated on hard shoving, quick breaking and tremendously fast following up. Their speed was remarkable. They would be away and on to the ball like lightning. And their tackling was conclusive.

The whole game was simpler then, and none the worse for that. I am convinced. Look at a copy of the rules as they stood in 1873, and you will find that the ethics of scrummaging and the duties of forwards and half-backs are dismissed in a couple of lines.

FOOTBALLER INJURED

Ellis Rimmer In Car Crash

Ellis Rimmer, the international and Sheffield Wednesday winger, was injured in a car crash last night on the Burton road, near the Sheffield boundary. His injuries were not serious, but he was detained in hospital for observation.

His companion, John William Selby, 26, of Harrison-road, Sheffield, a passenger in the car, which was involved in a collision with another car, was slightly hurt. Both cars overturned.

No beating about the bush. No sub-sections. Let two teams master those straight-forward laws, and I warrant they could carry through a match perfectly satisfactorily without the ministrations of a referee.

"THIS ALSO IS FREE-WILL"

The game is too complex nowadays. We overlay it with anxious thought. Mr. H. L. Menckew, the American critic, once wrote a note in the margin of a text-book on psychology. "As I stoop to lace my boot," he scribbled, "you hit me over the coccyx with a length of drain-pipe. I conclude instantly that you are an ass. This is a whole process of human thought in little. This also is free-will."

So it is with Rugby football. You know how it goes—the card to tell you that you are selected to play the train journey, with its talk and its game of rummy—the changing and the smell of sweat and embrocation—the huddle round your captain for his final admonitions—the game itself, a confusion of running and tackling and lung-bursting effort—the pleasant weariness afterwards—the blessed hot bath.

That is all there is to it, though we critics may pry into your lumberings as it you had been conducting one of Napoleon's major campaigns. Did I say all? It is a great deal, a whole process of human experience in little. It is also, despite the theorists, free-will.

POLICE MEET MIDDLESEX TO-DAY

League Football Encounter

TAYLOR RETURNS TO GAME

Provided both Howlett and Parker, who were injured a fortnight ago, are playing, the Police should fully extend the Middlesex Regiment in their postponed First Division league soccer encounter, on the Kowloon Football Club ground this afternoon at 4 p.m.

Both Parker and Howlett are very doubtful starters, the former has been in hospital for the past fortnight, while Howlett has been suffering from an ear injury sustained through a collision during the game with South China "B".

Taylor returns to the team, after an absence of two months, and will be seen on the left-wing, while Moss, who played in that position in the last game, will be seen on the right-wing, in place of Willerton.

HOWLETT'S INCLUSION

There is no doubt that Howlett's inclusion in the Police forward line has improved it greatly. He has been the cause of most of the openings for the other forwards, and had they always taken advantage of them, the Police would be in a better position to-day. It will be interesting to see how Taylor combines with him to-day.

Brittain will fill Parker's position, at left-half, and Gough, in the pivotal position, will have the task of watching Pearson and Saw, the Middlesex "star" forwards.

The Middlesex have so far only lost to the South China team, and are fully confident of collecting both points from the Police to-day. The following will represent the Police:

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TWO TITLES FOR MISS SAUNDERS

(By A. WALLIS MYERS)

London, October 18.

It was H. W. Austin's Queen's. Only prevailed upon to enter at the last moment and not starting to play until the third day, he won the covered court title with an inspired display, defeating one opponent after another by a convincing margin.

Against Borotra on Friday, he had lost only three games in as many sets. On Saturday, when his task was more difficult, for the combative, spinful methods of the Swedish holder were calculated to disturb his rhythm, he beat Schroder in four sets, surmounting a crisis in the third set with exemplary coolness.

This was the best Austin the packed galleries at Queen's had ever seen—a complete player, armed at every point and indicating, as all the masters have done in turn, the merits of text-book style.

It was not quite the best Schroder, for in the wear and tear of a three-event week—three strenuous matches a day, some of them in artificial light—the Swede had lost some of his service and overhead power. He came to his most important match with his spearhead a trifle blunted, so that his first service, on which his offensive depends, was less menacing than last year.

AUSTIN BREAKS THROUGH

The score in Austin's favour was 6-2, 3-6, 7-5, 6-2. Schroder won the toss and the service, and must have been immediately conscious of the contrast between his match with Austin last year and this when he lost his first two service games. Indeed, the holder only won his service once in the first set, and after forfeiting it to love in the seventh game he probably realised that the writing was on the wall.

Yet there was some very fine play in an eight game set. Schroder was badgering his opponent with a variety of top-spin drives and sliced volleys. It was a canny, calculated, attack, and if Austin had not parried it with perfectly timed strokes,

INDIA'S LIKELY CRICKET TEST CAPTAIN

Bombay, October 22.—The Yuvraj of Patiala, 25-year-old son of the Maharaja of Patiala, is expected to be chosen to captain India's team in the unofficial tests against Lord Tennyson's team, which arrives here next week.

The Yuvraj is one of the keenest of the front-rank cricketers in India and has decided advantages over the only two other candidates for captaincy, C. K. Nagudu and Wazir Ali. Nagudu is one of the finest cricketers India has ever produced, and Wazir Ali has been a splendid batsman, but both are now veterans. The Yuvraj played against England in the third Test at Madras against D. R. Jardine's team in 1931, and was top-scorer for India.

setting his own traps with equal ingenuity and expending less stamina in the effort, he might easily have been overcome.

Since his first service was rarely finding its intended mark, Schroder was forced to remain back after delivering his relatively innocuous second. This, of course, invited Austin to command the tactics, and he was quick to come up himself and volley for a winner when he had Schroder in a losing position created by his own courtcraft.

SWEDISH REPRISAL

In the second set, which Schroder won to three after each man had held his service for six games, Austin was probably not quite prepared for the Swede's marked improvement in his backhand drive down the line. He made three gorgeous shots which fell just inside the line and, thus, heartened, he broke through Austin's service in the eighth game and won his own from 30.

A few years ago, when he was less sure of his lasting powers, Austin might have been disturbed by this reprisal. Now his perfectly cool answer was ready, and he went to 4-1 in the third set with one of his games taken to love and two others from 15.

Fine fighter that he is—King Gustav never had a greater gladiator among his partners in Stockholm in private matches—Schroder then squared the set, raising his game in every department.

(Continued in next Column)

HIS £10,000 REPLY TO OFFER FROM WEMBLEY NEUSEL PLANS BOUT WITH SCHMELING

(By HAROLD LEWIS)

London, October 22.

THE declaration by the British Boxing Board of Control, to the effect that the world heavy-weight championship title is vacant, is not more fantastic than the demand of Tommy Farr for £10,000 to defend his British and Empire championships against Len Harvey at Wembley.

Farr has obviously returned to this country with certain definite ideas of his box-office value, but he would be a bold man who would be prepared to hand the Welshman a cheque for the sum mentioned for any fight over here. Harvey, as the Wembley Stadium match-maker, opened negotiations with Farr, but he is not prepared to talk business on the terms mentioned by the British champion.

It was a second threat to Austin's measured progress and he faced it with the same calm confidence. He went ahead by winning his own service to love in the ninth game, lost a long defence game in which Schroder had 40-love, took the 11th game from 30, and broke through the Swede's service after he led 40-15 in the 12th game.

KEY TO THE TITLE

The galleries warmly acclaimed this fine arresting feat, which, as Schroder began to tire in the fourth set, was virtually the key to the championship. Austin again went to 4-1, and again Schroder made a brave effort, but he just failed to carry the long seventh game in which there were five deuces, and in the eighth game a double fault signalled the end of the struggle.

Austin received the championship cup, the first name on which is that of H. F. Lawford, winner in 1885, from the hands of Sir Herbert Wilberforce, who had himself played against Lawford at Wimbledon. Voicing general opinion in congratulating the British victor, Sir Herbert had one of his inimitable sallies ready.

"When Schroder was here last year," he said, "he brought an interpreter. This time he came with out one and so half the time he did not know what was going on."

THIRD VICTORY

Miss M. C. Scriven, as one had ventured to predict, was the winner of the women's championship—her third victory. She beat Mrs. King conclusively. In two of the only three games which she lost she had a point for game. Her top-spin forehand was a weapon of destruction, but she had winning strokes on the backhand, too, and, as in the final at Eastbourne, played with great ardour.

When Wilde and Butler met the two giants, Schroder and Rogers, in the final of the doubles, another British success was quickly sealed.

It remained for Miss Jean Saunders to win two championships. With Miss V. E. Scott she indicated where a new Wightman Cup pair is likely to be found by beating Miss Scriven and Miss Harvey with the loss of only four games, and in the final of the mixed doubles she helped a fatigued Schroder, waging his third final to snatch a match against Butler and Miss O'Connell out of the burning.

"Curiously enough," said Harvey yesterday, "Farr is, apparently, willing to meet any other British boxer for less than the £10,000 he says he wants for a match with me."

Walter Neusel leaves for Amsterdam to-day to discuss with Mr. Walther Rothenberg the Berlin promoter details of a proposed fight with Max Schmeling on Nov. 14 in Berlin. Neusel stated yesterday that he was prepared to meet Maurice Strickland again, but that any future contest must be over 15 rounds and not 12 rounds, as was the case at Wembley on Tuesday.

LEYTON F.C. LEASE LEA BRIDGE

London, October 22.

Leyton, last season's F. A. Amateur Cup finalists, have secured the tenancy of Clapton Orient's former ground at Lea Bridge, and will play their first match there—an Athenian League game against Golders Green—on Saturday week.

Clapton Orient now play at Osborne-road, Leyton, the ground Leyton occupied last season.

It is understood that Walthamstow Avenue, with whom Leyton have been sharing a ground this season, displayed a sporting spirit in amicably settling their co-tenants' commitments, and actually assisted Leyton in their efforts to obtain the Lea Bridge tenancy for a number of years.

ABE MITCHELL REGAINS TITLE

Abe Mitchell (Vernham) regained a title he had held on four previous occasions when he won the Hertfordshire Open Championship at South Herts, Totteridge, with a total of 144 for 36 holes. Mitchell's second round of 71 was a record for the reconstructed course. Mitchell's record was subsequently equalled by S. S. Field (South Beds).

Queen of the South are said to be after goalkeeper Fleming of Aldrich. The Lanarkshire club are most unlikely to sell. They could have had a big fee for Fleming from an English club, but the goalkeeper, who has a good job as a printer in Dunblane, is not at all keen to cross the Border.

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G. JENKINS' FEAT FOR SWANSEA

ANOTHER FINE FULL-BACK

(By ROWE HARDING)

Swansea 7 pts. Cardiff 0

London, October 18.

THE bare recital of the fact that Swansea beat Cardiff by a dropped goal and a penalty-goal to nil cannot convey the tremendous thrill and excitement of this great match on the St. Helen's ground. Before the game I doubt if even the most ardent Swansea supporter would have given a shilling for his side's chances of victory, even though he knew beforehand that Cliff Jones was not playing. Cardiff had scored many famous victories without the little wizard.

SWANSEA HAD GIVEN NOTHING MORE THAN THE PROMISE OF SETTLING DOWN INTO A USEFUL SIDE ABOUT MID-SEASON WHEN THE MANY RECRUITS HAD SHED THE GAUCHERIE AND NERVOUSNESS WHICH AFFLICT YOUNG PLAYERS NEW TO FIRST-CLASS RUGBY. SO IT WAS THAT ALL OF US, CARDIFF INCLUDED, WERE QUITE UNPREPARED FOR WHAT HAPPENED.

Swansea recaptured the mood which seemed to have deserted them after that defeat of the All Blacks. The first half provided plenty of movement and excitement, but no scoring. It was obvious, though, that Cardiff had met their match forward, and that the young Swansea backs had as much pace as their opponents. For once the Cardiff system of quick passing, with a long pass from inside to outside centre, failed to outflank the Swansea three-quarters, and all the Cardiff movements were brought to an abrupt end on one touch-line or the other, with a Swansea wing clinging desperately to the legs of his opponent.

Meantime, one ghostly disappearance from the clutching hands of three opponents reminded Cardiff, paradoxically, that Davies was there, and Swansea supporters, of course, know that both he and Tanner were there, and kept on hoping.

Then, when about 10 minutes of the second half had gone, the unexpected happened. Davies fitted through the centre at half-way, and passed to Jenkins on the right wing. Two opponents loomed up. Jenkins stopped, turned in, saw the posts in the far distance, and dropped at goal. The ball shot from his left foot like an arrow, and soared high between the posts — the greatest goal kicked since Smallwood's at Twickenham against Wales in 1923.

REMARKABLE PASSES

Cardiff stood amazed, while pandemonium broke loose among the spectators. Then, for 10 minutes or so, Cardiff played inspired football in their efforts to save or win the game. They tried every trick they ever knew, and some of the reverse passing between Edwards and Bassett was simply amazing, but it was all to no purpose.

The Swansea defence held, the Cardiff fury abated, and presently Swansea were back on the Cardiff line. There was a scrum, and two Cardiff forwards, too anxiously seeking Tanner's whereabouts, got off-side. A penalty kick was awarded, and Howard Davies, the Swansea full-back, kicked a goal in coolest fashion.

Here, I am convinced, is the latest of the long line of great Swansea full-backs. He stood out a game of great personalities. Lastly, a word of praise for the other Swansea recruits — Morgan, Thomas, and I. Davies. All played their parts nobly.

FOOTBALLERS' PROTEST

Tax Payments On Benefits

Southport, October 26.

Why do footballers have to pay income-tax on their benefits while cricketers are excused? This question may be the subject of a test case in the courts soon.

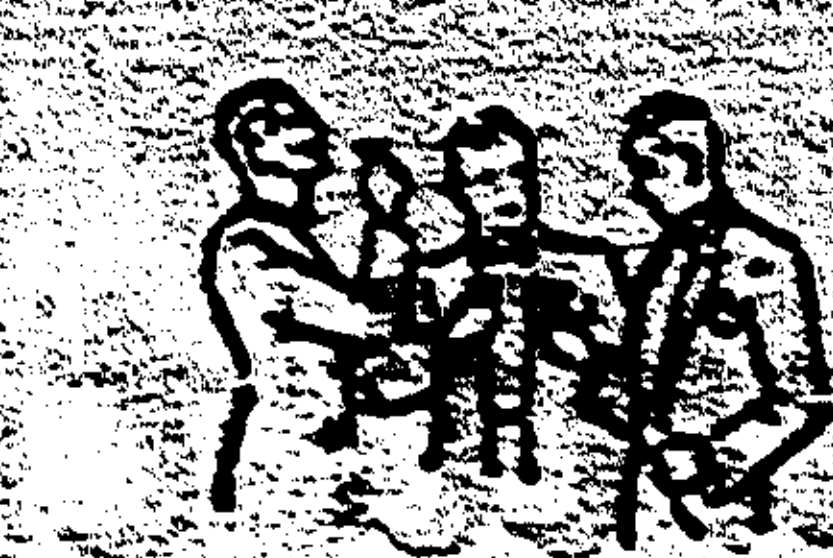
Mr. James Fay, secretary of the Association Football Players Union, said at his home here to-night: "A footballer receiving a benefit of £500 or £650 has to pay 4s 6d in the pound out of that sum in income-tax. Some years ago professional cricketers contested the point and a ruling was given that a benefit which in their case may run into thousands of pounds was a testimonial and not part of their wages."

"If that is true of cricketers it is equally true of footballers, for the Football League rules clearly state that a club may give a benefit, but no player can demand one. Players feel very strongly on this matter, and we are prepared to take it to the highest court in the land."

In the meantime the union is recommending all players receiving benefits to withhold payment of income-tax pending a decision in the courts.

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London, To-day.

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Amr Bey won but had to fight hard, the scores being 10-8, 10-8, 4-9, 1-9, 9-4.

The second match is being played next Monday and a third, if necessary, at a neutral club, Reuter.

Australian Ponies: Artec to "B" Class, Katinka to "B" Class, A Great Time to "C" Class, and Strathcarrick to "C" Class.
China Ponies: Harvest View to "B" Class and Royal Consort to "D" Class.

SEAFORTH'S DEFEAT MIDDLESEX

9-3 Rugby Victory At Sookumpoo

Playing on the Sookumpoo ground yesterday, the Seaforth Highlanders beat the Middlesex Regiment by three tries (9 points) to one try (3 points), in a keen Rugby game in which the Middlesex had led 3-0 at half time.

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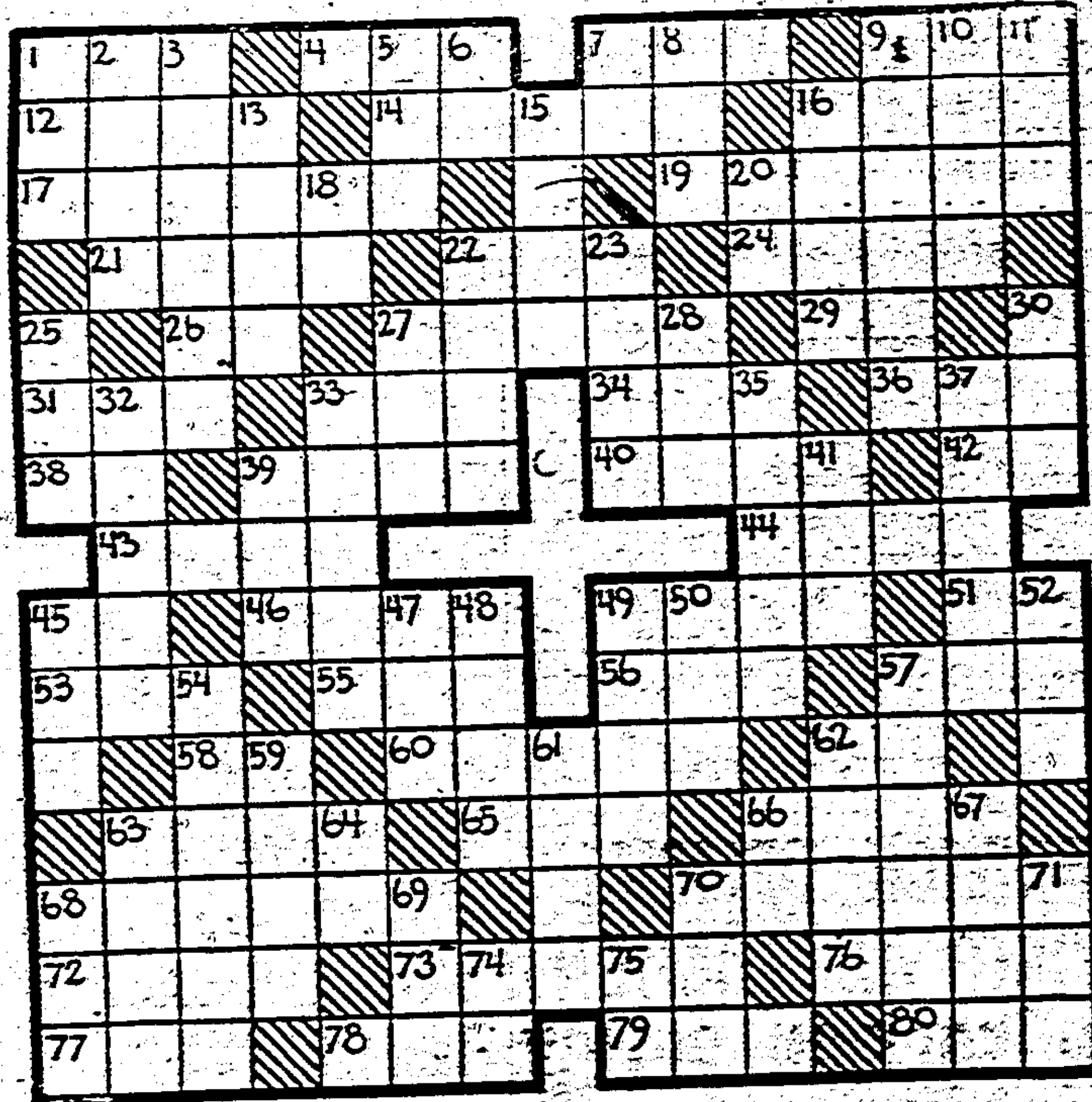
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- 14—Permit
- 16—Navigate
- 17—Examined
- 19—Lure
- 21—Fissure
- 22—Conflict
- 24—Part of an egg
- 26—Credit (abbr.)
- 27—Mature
- 29—Italian river
- 31—Consume
- 33—Bone of the body
- 34—Bow the head
- 36—Measure of length
- 38—Act
- 39—Arrived
- 40—Playing card
- 42—Preposition
- 43—Highway
- 44—Bird home
- 46—Pronoun
- 48—Curved
- 49—Final
- 51—Plural suffix
- 53—Short sleep
- 55—A title
- 56—Imitate
- 57—Epoch

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 58—Exists
- 60—Smallest
- 62—Within
- 63—Malicious glance
- 65—A letter
- 66—Prefix. Against
- 68—To ebb
- 70—Costume
- 72—Affirm
- 73—August
- 76—Verbal
- 77—Prefix. Wrong
- 78—Grow old
- 79—Uneven
- 80—Terminate

VERTICAL

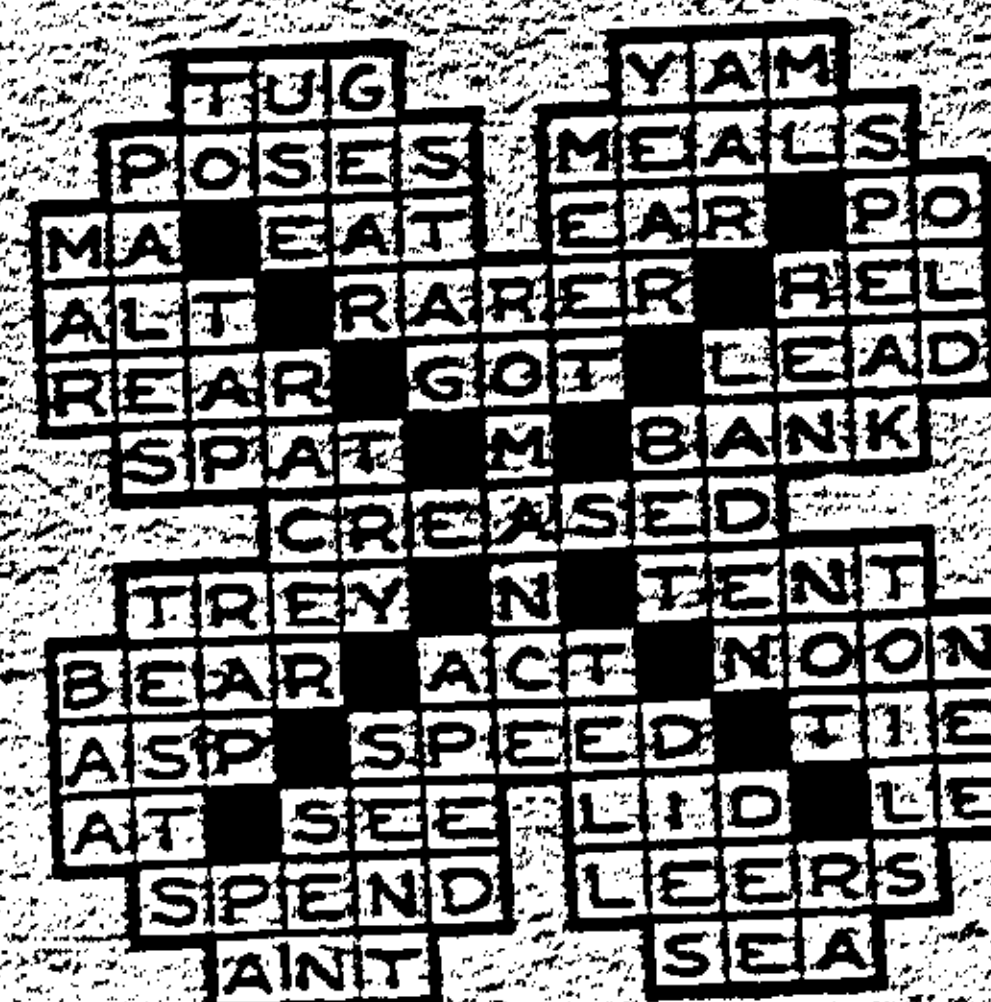
- 1—A gushing flow
- 2—Greek god of war
- 3—Cut in half
- 5—Compact mass
- 6—The (Sp.)
- 7—Very
- 8—Female sheep
- 9—Mariner
- 10—Eat mincingly
- 11—A beverage
- 12—Chief actor
- 15—Jump
- 16—Cease
- 18—Type measure
- 20—Large city of United States (abbr.)

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 22—Brush
- 23—Broke
- 25—Marry
- 27—Edge
- 28—Used in negation
- 30—Bustle
- 32—Large artery
- 33—The underworld
- 35—Compact
- 37—Fur-bearing animal
- 39—Vehicle
- 41—Besides
- 43—Writing fluid
- 47—Nothing
- 48—Large plant
- 49—Young girl
- 50—Skillful
- 52—Sorrowful
- 54—Segments
- 57—The whole
- 59—Prophet
- 61—A continent
- 62—In
- 63—Man's name
- 64—A highway (abbr.)
- 66—Near by
- 67—Persia
- 68—Butt
- 69—Incite
- 70—Annex
- 71—Old times (Poet.)
- 74—Prefix. Backward
- 75—Negative

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle
will appear in tomorrow's issue.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



HOSTILITIES IN SUSPENSE IN NORTH CHINA

Peiping, To-day.
The military situation in North China has remained unchanged for a whole week, stated a Japanese army spokesman to journalists to-day.

Chinese reports speak of a regrouping of the Japanese forces on a front extending 300 kilometres from Tsiho, on the north bank of the Yellow River opposite Tsinan-fu, over Taming, to the town of Changtsho, on the Peiping-Hankow Railway.

The Chinese anticipate an attack by the Japanese right flank and centre in the direction of Tsangchow and Hsuehchow.

AFRAID OF SHANTUNG

An advance of this kind apparently would leave the province of Shantung untouched, for the present, and the aim is probably to foster rumours that General Har-Fu-chu, the provincial governor, has come to an arrangement with the Japanese. Actually, the Japanese are reluctant to attack in Shantung for fear of devastation reprisals in their Tsingtao mills.

The Japanese in Peiping admit that they have not secured full control of the area south of the Peiping-Tientsin Railway, where

FOREIGNER'S GRIM STORY OF SLAUGHTER

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of the Red Cross told me that there were any least scores buried beneath huge piles of masonry and wood-work which thirty minutes previously had housed happy Chinese families.

DIRECT HITS

"Onlookers stated that three large 500-lb. bombs registered direct hits and the concussion was so terrific that every house in Honam was shaken to the foundations.

"I threaded my way through consternated crowds many of whom were weeping, while horror was portrayed on every face, and eventually reached my employee's home, whence we removed his 80-year-old father, who was suffering from shock to a place of safety.

"Meanwhile scores of coffins were being trundled through the streets and lined up ready to receive the victims, while Chinese doctors and nurses worked feverishly."—Reuter.

FOUR BOMBS AT TAISHATAU

Canton, To-day.
Four bombs were dropped in this morning's air

roving bands of Chinese guerillas are extremely active making things unpleasant for small forces of Japanese.—Trans-Ocean.

raid around Taishatan Station, terminus of the Canton-Kowloon Railway, killing two and wounding two Chinese.

A number of other missiles were dropped in the vicinity of Tungshan, one landing fairly close to the Italian Consulate, shaking the building.

Both the Italian consul and vice-consul were in their dug-outs.

CASUALTIES NOT HEAVY

According to Chinese sources, eight Japanese planes participated in the raid, although Reuter saw only five, but it is understood that other machines were active in other districts.

The same source states that one bomb fell near the 31st Municipal Primary School at Honam, and one of the bombs at Taishatan just missed a public sandbag shelter put by the Government for the populace.

Casualties are not believed to be heavy.—Reuter.

60 CASUALTIES

Canton, To-day.
The "all clear" was sounded at 1235.

Chinese sources declare that thirty houses were demolished in the raid, and that casualties total between 40 and 60 killed and injured as a result of bombs which fell in the vicinity of the 31st Municipal Primary School in Honam.

Indications are that the objectives of to-day's raids were the Canton-Hankow and Canton-Kowloon Railways.—Reuter.

ANOTHER VISIT

Canton, To-day.
At 1145 this morning, eight Japanese planes flew over the western section of the city heading for the Canton-Hankow Railway.

As far as can be ascertained, no bombs were dropped, though it is reported the invaders were active further up the line.—Reuter.

FRENCH OFFICIAL VISIT TO LONDON ON FOREIGN POLICY

Paris, To-day.
It is understood that the Premier, M. Camille Chautemps, and the Foreign Minister, M. Yvon Delbos, will visit London at the end of this week at the British Government's invitation.

They will discuss with Mr. Neville Chamberlain and Mr. Anthony Eden the situation arising from Lord Halifax's talks in Germany, notably the German claims, which it is believed Herr Hitler expounded to Lord Halifax, the Spanish conflict and Italy's attitude to the Sino-Japanese hostilities.—Reuter.

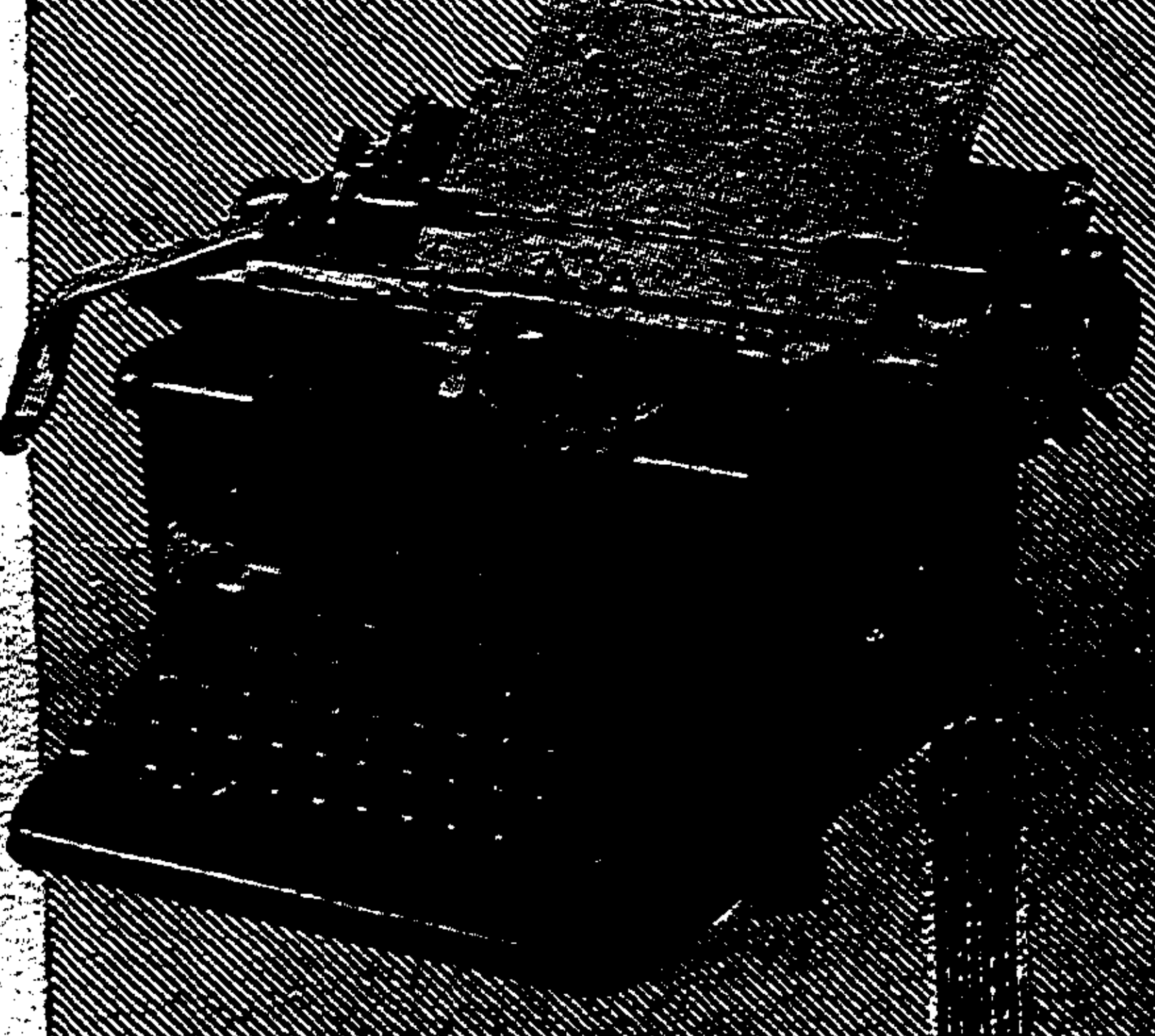
London, To-day.
The King held a Council at Buckingham Palace yesterday, after which he received Lord Halifax, who made a report on his German visit.—Trans-Ocean.

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